

ANNUAL REPORT Of the TOWN OF

MILLIS MASS

For the FISCAL YEAR
ENDING
DECEMBER
31
1956



ELLIS MEMORIAL R.R. STATION
AND TOWN OFFICE

LIBRARY



The Seventy-first Annual Report

of the

Officers

of the

Town of Millis



for the

Year Ending December 31

1956

D. C. Collins Co., Millis, Massachusetts

TOWN OFFICERS — 1956

Moderator	Rudolph F. King
Town Clerk	Lloyd C. King
Town Treasurer	Leonard W. Lindahl
Tax Collector	Harry Stanley Hart

Selectmen

Raymond E. Simpson, 1957	Michael E. Collins, 1958
Morris C. Mushnick, 1959	

Assessors

Millard B. LaCroix, 1957	George D. Cassidy, 1958
George Y. Robinson, 1959	

Public Welfare

Merle A. Brown, 1957*	Adam P. Consoletti, 1958
Thomas J. Clancy, 1959	

School Committee

Earl H. Merkle, 1957	Priscilla Dewey, 1957
Robert W. McDonough, 1958	Frederick J. Welch, 1958
Hugh J. McCarthy, Jr., 1959	

Water Commissioners

Elwayne K. Coldwell, 1957	Samuel G. Mighton, 1958
Joseph T. Cassidy, 1959	

*Deceased

Sewer Commissioners

George DeAngelis, 1957

George Sarris, 1958

John E. Skarp, 1959

Park Commissioners

Robert N. Leslie, 1957

Seymour Doliner, 1958

George W. Duhamel, 1959

Cemetery Commissioners

Rudolph F. King, 1957

Walter W. Hoar, 1958

Floyd A. Russell, 1959

Library Trustees

Bertha L. Shepardson, 1957

Betty L. Temple, 1958

Margaret Royce, 1959

Constables

Henry J. Cassidy, 1957

John F. Sullivan, 1957

Tree Warden

Arthur M. Smith

Planning Board

Talbot Dewey, 1957

Charles Van S. Purdy, 1958

James R. McDonough, 1959

Alexander H. Harcovitz, 1960

Harold E. Curran, 1961

Chief of Police

Horace V. Balkam

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

Finance Committee

Stephen Paine

James J. Clancy

Thomas S. Lydon

Louis Thorne

Harold V. Voye

Smoke and Odor Nuisance Committee

John Ellington

John J. Ward

Arthur D. MacInnes

Committee Investigating Land for School Use

Stuart M. King

William H. O'Brien

Earl H. Merkle

Gertrude Kenney

Jane T. Robinson

Committee on Article 45

Stephen Paine

J. Howard Sarris

Francis H. Porter

Charles W. Batchelder

Thomas S. Lydon

Henry L. Gibbs

Raymond E. Simpson

William P. Flynn

Dexter M. Gould

Anthony P. Meleski

Harold V. Voye

James J. Clancy

Memorial Day Committee

H. Maynard Gould
Anthony Rosati
Merle Browne
James Tabarani
Arthur Thorne
Joseph Johnson
Philip Gavin, Jr.

Warren MacInnes
James Ackroyd, Jr.
Daniel Murphy
Leonard W. Lindahl
Seymour Doliner
Anthony Bando
Thomas Smith

Committee on Article 20

Samuel G. Mighton
Joseph T. Cassidy
Lloyd C. King
Dexter M. Gould

Elwayne K. Coldwell
W. Harold Simpson
Paul T. Clancy
William P. Flynn

Committee on Additional School Rooms

George C. Roy
Vera C. O'Neill
Charles J. Cotton

Clyde F. Brown
Theodore W. S. Sink
Gertrude Kenney

Chloe E. Hart

Committee on Fire and Police Station

John J. Ward
Arthur B. Watson

Horace V. Balkam
Charles F. Mandell

Lindo French, Jr.

Swimming Pool Committee

Harold E. Curran
James H. Hartwell
Betty A. Cushman
Richard H. Knight

Dr. Jacob J. Zalvan
C. Leslie Simpson
Charles G. Ellis
Raymond Cartier

Committee on Sidewalks

Raymond E. Simpson
James J. Clancy

William F. Cunningham
Manuel H. Rosen
Thomas W. Proe

Regional School District Planning Committee

Frederick J. Welch

Charlotte King
Hugh J. McCarthy, Jr.

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN

Town Accountant

Lawrence J. Reardon, 1959

Registrars of Voters

William J. Christian, 1957

Dennis J. Murphy, 1958

Woodworth J. Rice, 1959

Board of Fire Engineers

John J. Ward

Moody J. Richardson

Arthur B. Watson

Fence Viewers

Elbridge Clark

Moody J. Richardson

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

Charles F. Mandell

Frank Hamm

Public Weighers

Joseph Winiker

Philip J. Tresca

Aurelio J. DiMuzio

James R. Caruso

Inspector of Slaughtering

Timothy J. McCarthy

Sealer of Weights and Measures

John J. Ward

Forest Warden

Moody J. Richardson

Animal Inspector

Timothy J. McCarthy

Milk Inspector

Philip J. Gavin, Jr.

Dog Officer

Henry J. Cassidy

Superintendent of Streets

William F. Cunningham

Field Driver

Horace V. Balkam

Director of Veterans Service

Philip J. Gavin, Jr.

Moth Superintendent

John E. Skarp

Wire Inspector

Raymond D. Woodmansee

Building Inspector

Charles F. Mandell

Plumbing Inspector

Hugh J. McCarthy

Agent Board of Health

Horace V. Balkam

Town Council

William F. Nourse

Regular Police

Robert E. Brodeur

Donald E. Ingraham

Special Police

John F. Sullivan

Henry J. Cassidy

Morris C. Mushnick

Carl E. Bennett

Thomas J. Cassidy

Thomas J. Norton

William F. Cunningham

Harold Jackson

Nicholas Gugliotta

Henry Holbrook

Raymond E. Simpson

Michael E. Collins

Leo Cassidy

Harold Campbell

William Giallonardo

Zoning Law Appeal Board

William F. Wright

Anthony P. Meleski

Howard Payson

Associate Members—Zoning Law Appeal Board

Theodore W. S. Sink

Frank L. McDonough

Insurance Agent of Records

Daniel L. Murphy

RESULTS OF THE VOTE CAST AT THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

February 13, 1956

Moderator, one year,

Rudolph F. King	1004
David L. Wilmarth	2
Joseph Winiker	1
Samuel M. Weinstein	1

Town Clerk, one year.

Lloyd C. King	1033
Joseph Winiker	1
Samuel M. Weinstein	1
Harold Curran	2

Treasurer, one year,

Leonard W. Lindahl	947
Joseph Winiker	1

Board of Public Welfare, three years,

Thomas J. Clancy	1015
Joseph Winiker	1

Assessor, three years,

George Y. Robinson	1005
Joseph Winiker	1

Selectman, three years,

Morris C. Mushnick	750
William R. Porter	436
Blanks	24

Selectman, one year,

John J. Lyden	303
Raymond E. Simpson	854
Blanks	53

School Committee, three years,

Hugh J. McCarthy, Jr.	570
David L. Wilmarth	495
Edgar J. Dupuis	5
Blanks	140

Library Trustees, three years,

Margaret N. Royce	915
David L. Wilmarth	13
Joseph Winiker	1
Samuel M. Weinstein	1

Cemetery Commissioner, three years,

Floyd A. Russell	1010
Joseph Winiker	1
Samuel M. Weinstein	1

Water Commissioner, three years,

Richard C. Barrett	401
Joseph T. Cassidy	473
Robert E. Howard	70
Joseph J. Sokol	228
Blanks	38

Sewer Commissioner, three years,

John E. Skarp	1007
David L. Wilmarth	1
Joseph Winiker	1

Park Commissioner, three years,

George W. Duhamel	956
Joseph Winiker	1

Planning Board, five years

James F. Clark, Jr.	197
Arthur B. Blackett	227
Harold E. Curran	579
Charles LaCroix	137
Blanks	70

Constables, one year,

Henry J. Cassidy

1069

John F. Sullivan

958

RECORD OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Held in the High School Auditorium

Millis, Massachusetts, Monday, February 20, 1956

The Annual Business Meeting of the Town of Millis was held Monday evening, February 20, 1956, in the High School Auditorium, and called to order by the Town Moderator, Rudolph F. King, at 7:30 P.M.

The Town Warrant calling this meeting was read, having been signed by Selectmen Morris C. Mushnick and Michael E. Collins:
Attest: Henry J. Cassidy, Constable.

There being no objections offered, the reading in full of each Article at this time was omitted, to be read and acted upon individually.

The Annual Town Election of Officers was held in the High School Auditorium, Monday, February 13, 1956, at which time and place Article 1, of the Warrant, was disposed of, which read as follows:

ARTICLE 1—To choose a Moderator for one year, a Town Clerk for one year, a Town Treasurer for one year, two Constables for one year, one Selectman for three years, one Selectman for one year, one member of Board of Public Welfare for three years, one Assessor for three years, one School Committeeman for three years,

one Trustee of Public Library for three years, one Park Commissioner for three years, one Sewer Commissioner for three years, one Water Commissioner for three years, one member of the Planning Board for five years:

whereupon, it was here omitted and business proceeded directly to Article 2.

ARTICLE 2—To hear and act on the reports of Town Officers and Committees.

Voted to accept the reports of the various Town Officers and Committees as printed in the Annual Town Report dated December 31, 1955.

ARTICLE 3—To appropriate money for all necessary expenses including a sum sufficient to pay all Town Officers' salaries, or act in any manner relating thereto.

At this time the Moderator appointed the following Tellers for the evening: Lawrence Reardon, Arthur Carter and John Ward.

Voted individually on the various Town Officers' salaries and expenses as follows:

General Government

Selectmen—Salaries		\$ 600.00
Town Accountant—Salary	\$1,000.00	
Expenses	150.00	1,150.00
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Treasurer—Salary	800.00	
Expenses	350.00	
Tax Titles	500.00	1,650.00
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Tax Collector—Salary	1,200.00	
Expenses	800.00	
Tax Takings	200.00	2,200.00
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Assessors—Salaries	900.00	
Expenses	1,100.00	2,000.00

Town Clerk—Salary	500.00	
Expenses	400.00	900.00
Election Officers—Salaries	650.00	
Expenses	550.00	1,500.00
Board of Registrars—Salaries	45.00	
Expenses	550.00	595.00
Town Office—Salary, Clerk	2,600.00	
Salary, Janitor	200.00	
Expenses	2,900.00	
Town Reports	1,558.57	7,258.57
Legal		700.00
Planning Board—Salaries	250.00	
Expenses	500.00	750.00
Appeal Board—Salaries	150.00	
Expenses	50.00	200.00
Civil Defense—Expenses		200.00

Protection of Persons and Property

Police Department—

Motion made that \$15,120.00 be appropriated for the Police Department.

Amended Motion made that \$15,120.00, be increased to \$16,060.00, this amount to include \$4,940.00, for the salary of the Chief of Police, Horace V. Balkam. After a general discussion by rising count "Yes 44" — "No 102", the *amended motion* was LOST.

Voted that the Police Department there be appropriated the sum of \$15,120.00

Dog Officer—Salary 100.00

Fire Department—Salaries	\$ 300.00	
Expenses	8,433.00	8,733.00
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Police and Fire Alarm System		10,000.00
Gypsy Moth Department—Expenses		1,300.00
Tree Department—Expenses		1,700.00
Wire Inspector—Salary		100.00
Dutch Elm Disease		4,000.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures—Salary	50.00	
Expenses	50.00	100.00

Health and Sanitation

Dental Health Clinic		\$1,000.00
Board of Health		3,000.00
Garbage Disposal		2,200.00
Inspector of Slaughtering		480.00
Animal Inspector		150.00
Milk Inspector		50.00
Sewer Department—Commissioner's Salary	\$ 200.00	
Sewer Maintenance		
<i>Voted to transfer from Sewer Reserve Account</i>		
<i>to Sewer Maintenance Account</i>	(3,700.00)	200.00

Highway Department

Highways and Bridges—Wages and Expenses	\$14,625.00
Chapter 81—Wages (Town's Share)	6,300.00
Snow Removal—Wages and Expenses	6,000.00
Street Lighting	6,070.00
Chapter 90, and Special Repairs	1,500.00

Charities

Welfare Board—Salaries	\$ 350.00
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General Relief	9,500.00
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The following four appropriations in addition to Federal Grants:

Total Disability	3,000.00
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Aid to Dependent Children	6,000.00
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Old Age Assistance	38,000.00
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Department Administration	2,800.00
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Veterans' Benefits

Veterans' Benefits	\$2,500.00
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Salary and Expenses, Agent	<u>1,250.00</u>	\$3,750.00
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Education

School Committee	\$ 500.00	
Teachers' Salaries	120,702.00	
Expenses	<u>58,400.00</u>	179,602.00

Vocational Tuition		1,200.00
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Summer Recreational Program		600.00
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Adult Evening Practical Arts		450.00
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Public Library

Expenses	2,000.00
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Water Department

Salary—Commissioners	300.00
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Salary—Registrar	400.00
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Expenses—Registrar	150.00
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Water Department Expenses	16,000.00
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Cemetery

Expenses—plus the Transfer of \$1,000.00, from the Lot and Grave and Burial accounts; and interest from Perpetual Care Fund	\$3,200.00
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Parks

Salary—Commissioner	\$ 150.00	
Expense	3,600.00	
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Memorial Park	150.00	
Service Board	150.00	\$4,050.00
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Pensions

County Pension Cost	2,500.00
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Unclassified

Memorial Day	600.00
Legion Headquarters	600.00
Town Clock	100.00
Reserve Fund—See Article 8, for transfer of \$8,000.00, from Overlay Reserve Account to this Reserve Fund.	
Insurance	
Fire, Motor Vehicle and others	7,500.00

Debt and Interest

Maturing Debt and Interest	41,500.00
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Grand Total—Article 3	\$426,583.57
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ARTICLE 4—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00, for the salary of the Visiting Nurse for the year 1956, said appropriation is in no way to be construed as meaning that the Association has to furnish any free service to any category of public assistance, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the sum of \$2,500.00 be appropriated for the salary of the Visiting Nurse for the year 1956, said appropriation is in no way to be construed as meaning that the Association has to furnish any free service to any category of public assistance.

ARTICLE 5—To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Lot and Grave and Burial accounts for the upkeep of the Cemetery, or act in any manner relating thereto.

As this matter was acted upon under Article 3, it was here *Voted* to dismiss this Article.

ARTICLE 6—To see if the Town will vote to continue the committee appointed by the Moderator for the purpose of planning a Memorial to members of the Armed Services who served in World War II, the committee to report at a future Town Meeting, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the Town do continue the Committee appointed by the Moderator for the purpose of planning a Memorial to members of the Armed Services who served in World War II, the Committee to report at a future Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 7—To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,535.65, from the Road Machinery fund to the Road Machinery account, to be used for Road Machinery purposes, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the sum of \$2,535.65 be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund to the Road Machinery Account, to be used for Road Machinery purposes.

ARTICLE 8—To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the overlay reserve a sum of money to be used for a Reserve Fund, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the sum of \$8,000.00 be transferred from the Overlay Reserve Account to the Reserve Fund Account.

ARTICLE 9—To see what disposition the Town will make of the money refunded by the county on account of dog licenses, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the money refunded by the County on account of dog licenses be added to the Library Department appropriation.

ARTICLE 10—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, or available funds in the treasury, the sum of \$10,000.00, to be added to the Stabilization Fund in accordance with the provisions of Section 5B, Chapter 40, General Laws or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the sum of \$10,000.00 be transferred from available funds in the Treasury to be added to the Stabilization Fund, in accordance with the provisions of Section 5B, Chapter 40, General Laws.

ARTICLE 11—To see if the Town will vote to transfer money of George Barden Fund to Evening Practical Arts Account or take any action thereon.

Voted that the Town do transfer money from the George Barden Fund to the Evening Practical Arts Account.

ARTICLE 12—To see if the Town will vote to transfer the cash balance from various departments into general cash, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the Town do transfer the cash balance from various departments into general cash.

ARTICLE 13—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1956, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Voted that the Town do authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1956, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period

of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 41, General Laws.

ARTICLE 14—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to appoint their own Water Registrar, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the Town authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to appoint their own Water Registrar.

ARTICLE 15—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Sewer Commissioners to appoint one of their members to the position of Superintendent of Sewers and to fix his salary, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4A, Chapter 41, of the General Laws, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the Town do authorize the Sewer Commissioners to appoint one of their own members to the position of Superintendent of Sewers at an annual salary of \$600.00, funds for same to be obtained from the Sewer Maintenance appropriation under Article 5.

ARTICLE 16—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to appoint their own clerks of their board and appropriate a sum of money for same, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the Town do authorize the Assessors to appoint their own Clerk of the Board at a total annual salary of \$600.00, money for same to be obtained from the Assessors' expenses under Article 3.

ARTICLE 17—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tree Warden to work for the Tree Department and be paid on an hourly basis, the Town to set the hourly rate of pay, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the Town authorize the Tree Warden to work for the Tree Department and be paid on an hourly basis at the prevailing wage for town employees, funds for same to be obtained from the Tree Department appropriations under Article 3.

ARTICLE 18—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to appoint their members to the

positions of Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents of Water Works and to fix their salary in accordance with the provisions of Section 4A, Chapter 41 of the General Laws, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the Town authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to appoint their members to the positions of Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Water Works and to fix their salary in accordance with the provisions of Section 4A, Chapter 41 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 19—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Park Commissioners to appoint one of their members to the position of Superintendent of Parks and who will be paid on an hourly basis; this money to be obtained from the Park's appropriation, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the Town do authorize the Park Commissioners to appoint one of their members to the position of Superintendent of Parks. This individual to be paid on an hourly basis at the prevailing wage for Town employees; funds for same to come from Park Department appropriation under Article 3.

ARTICLE 20—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to seek petition to the General Court to transfer a parcel of Park land off Pleasant Street, containing 5625 square feet to the Water Department for the purpose of installation of an elevated tank with access piping and valves, or act in any manner relating thereto.

After rather detailed explanation by the Finance Committee, it was *Voted* to appropriate the sum of \$300.00, for the use of a special committee made up of the present Water Board, the former Commissioners of the Water Department consisting of Lloyd C. King, Harold Simpson and Paul Clancy, and two others to be appointed by the moderator, to study the purchase of land as mentioned under Article 20, and for the purpose mentioned, and then report their findings to the Selectmen; and if, in their opinion we should take action on this land, so instruct the Selectmen to petition the General Court to transfer a parcel of Park land off Pleasant Street, contain-

ing 5625 square feet to the Water Department for the purpose of installation of an elevated tank with access piping and valves.

ARTICLE 21—To see if the Town will vote to extend a 10-inch cast iron water main from the junction of Farm and Acorn Streets to the junction of Acorn and Spencer Streets, a distance of approximately 360 feet and to determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by borrowing, or by appropriations from available funds in the Treasury, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$2 100.00, to extend a 10-inch cast iron water main from the junction of Farm and Acorn Streets to the junction of Acorn and Spencer Streets, a distance of approximately 360 feet.

ARTICLE 22—To see if the Town will vote to extend a 10 inch cast iron water main on Ridge Street from the junction of Middlesex Street for a distance of approximately 500 feet, and to determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by borrowing or by appropriations from available funds in the Treasury, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted to dismiss the Article.

ARTICLE 23—To see if the Town will vote to extend an eight inch cast iron water main on Walnut Street a distance of approximately 1700 feet, and to determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by borrowing, or by appropriations from available funds in the Treasury, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted to dismiss the Article.

ARTICLE 24—To see if the Town will vote to extend a 6 inch cast iron water main on Spencer Street from the junction of Acorn Street, southerly on said Spencer Street to an existing 6 inch main, a distance of approximately 640 feet and to determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by borrowing or by appropriations from available funds in the Treasury, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the sum of \$2 900.00, be appropriated to extend a 6-inch cast iron water main on Spencer Street from the junction of Acorn Street, southerly on said Spencer Street to an existing 6-inch main, a distance of approximately 640 feet.

ARTICLE 25—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to extend an eight-inch water main on Farm Street from the residence of Edward Dmytryck to the water main on Village Street thereby connecting two dead ends, a distance of approximately 4750 feet and to determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by borrowing or by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted to dismiss this Article.

ARTICLE 26—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to extend a ten-inch water main on Orchard Street from Towle's Corner to the property of Huna Rosenfeld a distance of approximately 2850 feet; determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by borrowing or by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted to dismiss this Article.

ARTICLE 27—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to extend a ten-inch water main on Orchard Street from Ganusko's driveway to lot number 5 a distance of approximately 500 feet; determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by borrowing or by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted to dismiss this Article.

ARTICLE 28—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to extend the six-inch water main on Norfolk Road to the establishment of the Winiker Poultry Farm, Inc., a distance of approximately 3,000 feet; determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by borrowing or by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted to dismiss this Article.

ARTICLE 29—To see if the Town will vote to pay one-half of the cost of the ten-inch water extension on Ridge Street, from the corner of Ridge and Union Streets, to the residence of Robert Eaton on Ridge Street, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted to dismiss this Article.

ARTICLE 30—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay unpaid bills of 1955 Water Department as follows:

D. L. Maher Company	\$133.25
Lloyd C. King	514.80

or act in any manner relating thereto.

By rising count "Yes 219" — "No 0", it was *Voted* that the sum of \$648.05 be appropriated to pay unpaid bills of 1955, of the Water Department as follows:

D. L. Maher Company	\$133.25
Lloyd C. King	514.80

ARTICLE 31—To see if the Town will vote to authorize a committee, said committee to be appointed by the Moderator, to purchase a parcel of ten acres of land owned by Mr. Edwin Cerel adjacent to the Town Park; said land to be used for school purposes, and to determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by borrowing, or by appropriation from available funds in the Treasury, or act in any manner relating thereto.

After explanation by the Finance Committee, it was *Voted* that this Article be dismissed.

ARTICLE 32—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee to continue the work of the present committee on the investigation of land for school use, and to appropriate a sum of money for same or act in any manner relating thereto.

Motion made that the Town authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee to continue the work of the present committee on the investigation of land for school use.

After explanation by a member of the School Committee, the Finance Committee withdrew the motion.

Voted that the Town authorize the Moderator to appoint a Committee to continue the work of the present committee on the investigation of land for school use and that \$100.00, be appropriated for this purpose.

ARTICLE 33—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee to investigate the need for and plan for a possible addition to the Clyde F. Brown Elementary School or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the Town authorize the Moderator to appoint a Committee of five to investigate the need for and plan for a possible addition to the Clyde F. Brown Elementary School.

ARTICLE 34—To see if the Town will vote to replace the 1952 Ford School Bus by the purchase of a new bus with the allowance on the old bus to be applied against the purchase price, or act in any manner relating thereto

Voted that the sum of \$5,000.00, be appropriated for the purpose of replacing the 1952 Ford School Bus by the purchase of a new bus with the allowance on the old bus to be applied against the purchase price.

ARTICLE 35—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay unpaid Vocational Tuition bill for 1952 to the City of Boston in the amount of \$4.20, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$4.20, to pay unpaid Vocational Tuition bill for 1952, to the City of Boston.

ARTICLE 36—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to replace the water pipe from Main Street to the High School Building, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$650.00, to replace the water pipe from Main Street to the High School Building.

ARTICLE 37—To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new Power Mower and to have the allowance on the old mower applied against the new mower, appropriate money for same, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the sum of \$1,000.00, be appropriated to purchase a new Power Mower and to have the allowance on the old mower applied against the new mower.

ARTICLE 38—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of five from the floor to act in investigating and planning a Fire and Police Station and parcel of land for same, and a sum of \$300.00, to be used in preliminary work, a report to be made at a future meeting within the current year, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the Town authorize the Moderator to appoint a Committee of five from the floor to act in investigating and planning a Fire and Police Station and parcel of land for same, and to appropriate the sum of \$300.00, to be used in preliminary work on this project and a report to be made at a future meeting within the current year.

ARTICLE 39—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee to act to eliminate the smoke and odor nuisance in the East Millis section of the Town, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the Town authorize the Moderator to appoint a Committee to act to eliminate the smoke and odor nuisance in the East Millis section of the Town.

ARTICLE 40—To see if the Town will vote to extend the sidewalk on Plain Street to the corner of Village and Plain Streets, and appropriate money for same or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that this Article be dismissed.

ARTICLE 41—To see if the Town will vote to construct a sidewalk on Pleasant Street from LaCroix's Corner to the home of Stanley Roche, and appropriate money for same, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00, to construct a sidewalk on Pleasant Street from LaCroix's Corner to the home of Stanley Roche.

ARTICLE 42—To see if the Town will vote to construct a sidewalk on Forest Road between Plain and Village Streets, and appropriate money for same, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted to dismiss this Article. — (See Article 77.)

ARTICLE 43—To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00, representing the contribution of Paul Grenier towards the cost of water extension for the purpose of paying the maturing debt of \$10,000.00 issued by the Town to finance the water extension, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the Town appropriate from available funds in the Treasury \$10,000.00, representing the contribution of Paul Grenier towards the cost of water extension for the purpose of paying the maturing debt of \$10,000.00, issued by the Town to finance the water extension.

ARTICLE 44—To see if the Town will vote to ask the Moderator to appoint a swimming pool committee to study and report to the next special or regular Town Meeting and to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of a detailed engineering investigation of the Town relative to a swimming pool site, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted to instruct the Moderator to appoint a swimming pool committee to study and report to the next special or regular Town Meeting and to appropriate the sum of \$750.00, for the purpose of a detailed engineering investigation of the Town relative to a swimming pool site.

ARTICLE 45—To see if the Town will vote to ask the Moderator to re-appoint the same committee which he appointed under Article 53 at the 1955 Town Meeting to study and report to the regular Town Meeting specific recommendations on the following subjects:

1. The coordination of town departments and functions in the interest of economy and efficiency.
2. To make recommendations on salaries of all elected or appointed town officers.
3. To study other Town problems which might be suggested to them by the voters or the selectmen or Town officials and make recommendations as a result thereof

or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted to ask the Moderator to re-appoint the same committee which he appointed under Article 53 at the 1955 Town Meeting to study and report to the regular Town Meeting specific recommendations on the following subjects:

1. The coordination of town departments and functions in the interest of economy and efficiency.
2. To make recommendations on salaries of all elected or appointed town officers.
3. To study other Town problems which might be suggested to them by the voters or the selectmen or Town officials and make recommendations as a result thereof.

ARTICLE 46—To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of Massachusetts for authority to combine the offices of Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, and Tax Collector and place the position under Civil Service, or act in any manner relating thereto.

After requested information by the citizens present was heard, it was *Voted* to instruct the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of Massachusetts for authority to combine the offices of Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, and Tax Collector and place the position under Civil Service.

ARTICLE 47—To see if the Town will vote to redetermine the uniform rate of assessments charged by the Town to the abutters for the construction of sewers as authorized by Chapter 129 of the Acts of 1918 or take any action in relation thereto.

Voted unanimously that the Town redetermine the uniform rate of assessment to be charged by the Town to the abutters for the construction of sewers as authorized by Chapter 129, of the Acts of 1918, and that the frontage assessment method be used and that the assessment be \$2.25 per foot of frontage, providing that no land at a lower level than the street shall be assessed until it shall be raised to an elevation sufficiently high to allow it to be sewerred.

ARTICLE 48—To see if the Town will vote to instruct the sewer commissioners to establish just and equitable annual charges for the use of common sewers in accordance with the provisions of Section 16, Chapter 83 of the General Laws, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the Town instruct the Sewer Commissioners to establish just and equitable annual charges for the use of common sewers in accordance with the provisions of Section 16, Chapter 83, of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 49—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to extend the sewer system on Irving Street, from Union Street, to Daniels Street; determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by borrowing, or by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, or act in any manner relating thereto.

By rising count "Yes 206"—"No 1", it was *Voted* that \$15,000.00, be appropriated to extend the sewer system on Irving Street, from Union Street to Daniels Street, and that

\$93.15 be transferred from unexpended balance of 1953 Sewer Extension and

\$406.85 be transferred from unexpended balance of 1954 Sewer Extension, and that

\$1,500.00 be raised in the tax levy of the current year, and that the Treasurer,

with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of \$13,000.00, and to issue Notes of the Town therefor, payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, of the General Laws, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twelve years from the date of issue of the first Note.

ARTICLE 50—To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$237.78, from Sewer Receipts to pay the following bills unpaid in the year 1955:

Thomas Malo	\$ 36.23
Apparatus Service Company	101.27
Webb Supply Company	100.28
	<hr/> \$237.78

or act in any manner relating thereto.

By rising count "Yes 189"—"No 0", it was *Voted* to transfer the sum of \$237.78, from Sewer Receipts to pay the following bills unpaid in the year 1955:

Thomas Malo	\$ 36.23
Apparatus Service Company	101.27
Webb Supply Company	100.28
	<hr/> \$237.78

ARTICLE 51—To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$713.79, from the unexpended balance in the 1953 Sewer Extension account to pay outstanding bills in the 1955 Plain Street Sewer Extension, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted to transfer the sum of \$713.79, from the unexpended balance in the 1953 Sewer Extension account to pay outstanding bills in the 1955 Plain Street Sewer Extension.

ARTICLE 52—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$872.99, to pay unpaid bill of 1955 to Lawrence F. Davis for professional services and costs for foreclosure of Tax Titles, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$872.99, to pay unpaid bill of 1955 to Lawrence F. Davis for professional services and costs for foreclosure of Tax Titles.

ARTICLE 53—To see if the Town will vote to accept the Irving R. Clark additional Cemetery trust fund of 1955 to the amount of \$25.00, or act in any manner relating thereto.

To see if the Town will vote to accept the Finley and Springer Cemetery Trust Fund of 1955 to the amount of \$150.00, or act in any manner relating thereto.

To see if the Town will vote to accept the John H. Ingraham and Florence W. Ingraham Sawyer Cemetery Trust Fund of 1955 to the amount of \$200.00, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the Town do accept the Irving R. Clark additional Cemetery Trust Fund of 1955 to the amount of \$25.00.

Voted that the Town do accept the Finley and Springer Cemetery Trust Fund of 1955 to the amount of \$150.00.

Voted that the Town do accept the John H. Ingraham and Florence W. Ingraham Sawyer Cemetery Trust Fund of 1955 to the amount of \$200.00.

ARTICLE 54—To see if the Town will purchase, for Cemetery purposes, a triangular plot of land now owned by Seneca B. Anderson or others, said land now known as "the dump" and which adjoins land donated to the Town by the late Evan F. Richardson, appropriate money for same, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$250.00, to purchase, for Cemetery purposes, a triangular plot of land now owned by Seneca B. Anderson or others, said land now known as "the dump" and which adjoins land donated to the Town by the late Evan F. Richardson.

Voted that the Town will release to the Cemetery Department that portion of Ridge Street between Auburn Road and the New Haven Railroad, and discontinue it as a public way, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the Town do release to the Cemetery Department that portion of Ridge Street between Auburn Road and the New Haven Railroad, and discontinue it as a public way.

ARTICLE 56—To see if the Town will vote to amend Section V of the Protective By-Law of the Town by striking therefrom subsections 5-2, 5-3 and 5-4, and substituting therefor the following:

5-2 Lot Area. No building lot hereafter laid out for dwelling purposes in the Town of Millis shall be less than 15,000 square feet in area.

5-3 Lot Frontage. No building lot hereafter laid out for dwelling purposes in the Town of Millis shall be less than 110 feet in width at the front line of the building or at the line of the street on which said building lot fronts.

5-4 Front Yard. Any building or structure, including roadside stands, gasoline pumps and accessory buildings hereafter erected shall extend not nearer than 40 feet to the street line in all districts. The Board of Appeals may make exceptions to this section upon appeal of written requests if the set-backs of buildings on adjoining lots vary from this requirement.

or act in any manner relating thereto.

Motion was made by the Planning Board that the Town vote to amend Section V of the Protective By-Law of the Town by striking therefrom subsections 5-2, 5-3 and 5-4, and substituting therefor the following:

5-2 Lot Area.

No building lot hereafter laid out for dwelling purposes in the Town of Millis shall be less than 15,000 square feet in area.

5-3 Lot Frontage.

No building lot hereafter laid out for dwelling purposes in the Town of Millis shall be less than 100 feet in width at the front line of the building or at the line of the street on which said building lot fronts.

5-4 Front Yard.

Any building or structure, including roadside stands, gasoline pumps and accessory buildings hereafter erected shall extend not nearer than 40 feet to the street line in all districts; provided that no building need be set back more than the average of the setbacks of the buildings on the lots nearest thereto on either side, a vacant lot one hundred or more feet in width, or a lot occupied by a building set back more than 40 feet being counted as though occupied by a building set back 40 feet.

Motion made to dismiss this Article. By rising count "Yes 90"—"No 134", the Article was *Not Dismissed*.

Amended motion offered that in section 5-2 Lot Area, — the building lot area of 15,000 square feet be changed to 12,000 square feet; and that in section 5-4, the distance of 40 feet to the street line be changed to 35 feet.

This Amended Motion was Lost.

By rising count "Yes 176"—"No 65", it was *Voted* that the Town amend Section V of the Protective By-Law of the Town by striking therefrom sub-sections 5-2, 5-3 and 5-4, and substituting therefor the three Sections as itemized above in this Motion, (same being the original motion made by the Finance Committee.)

ARTICLE 57—To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Building Code By-Law as worded in the Pamphlet entitled, "Proposed Building Code for the Town of Millis", or act in any manner relating thereto.

Motion made that the Town do adopt a Building Code By-Law as worded in the pamphlet entitled, "Proposed Building Code for the Town of Millis".

Amended Motion offered and *Carried* that under Article 3 — "Requirements for Permits", there be added to Section 1 "Applications and Plans", paragraph "b" to read as follows:

"No permit shall be granted by the Inspector until the premises have been inspected by the Inspector and Road Commissioner

and ascertained that proper easements for drainage have been obtained if necessary".

Voted that the Town do adopt a Building Code By-Law as worded in the Pamphlet entitled. "Proposed Building Code for the Town of Millis", and that under Article 3 "Requirements for Permits", there be added paragraph "b" to Section 1. "Applications and Plans" to read as follows:

"No permit shall be granted by the Inspector until the premises have been inspected by the Inspector and Road Commissioner and ascertained that proper easements for drainage have been obtained if necessary".

ARTICLE 58—To see if the Town will vote to purchase a generator for the Town Office Building and appropriate money for same, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the Town purchase a generator for the Town Office Building and that the sum of \$1,500.00, be appropriated for same.

ARTICLE 59—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to clear a larger area of Richardson's meadow to improve skating conditions, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$400.00, to clear a larger area of Richardson's meadow to improve skating conditions.

ARTICLE 60—To see if the Town will vote to outlaw hunting and shooting in Millis without the landowner's permission, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that this Article be dismissed.

ARTICLE 61—To see if the Town will vote to strike out Section 1 of Article 1 of the Town By-Laws and substitute therefor the following: The Annual Meeting for the election of officers and such other matters as may be voted on the official ballot will be held on the second Monday of February and the Annual Meeting for the transaction of business will be held on the second Monday of March, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the Town strike out Section 1 of Article 1 of the Town By-Laws and substitute therefor the following:

"The Annual Meeting for the election of officers and such other matters as may be voted on the official ballot will be held on the first Monday in March and the Annual Town Meeting for the transaction of business will be held on the second Monday in March".

ARTICLE 62—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and their successors in office to sell at public or private sale any of the property which the Town may have acquired or may hereafter acquire through proceedings based upon nonpayment of taxes or under proceedings for the sale of lands of low value, to impose upon the property so sold such restrictions, reservations or conditions as shall be deemed expedient, and to execute and deliver in the name and under the seal of the Town quitclaim deeds or other instruments therefor, or act in any manner relating thereto.

After discussion, it was *Voted* that this Article be *Dismissed*.

ARTICLE 63—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$146.00, to pay unpaid bill of 1954, Park Department to Du-All Contractors, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted Unanimously that the Town appropriate the sum of \$146.00, to pay unpaid bill of 1954, Park Department, to Du-All Contractors.

ARTICLE 64—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to construct a World War II Memorial and that this project be under the supervision of the existing committee appointed by the Moderator to plan a memorial to members of the Armed Services who served in World War II, or act in any manner relating thereto.

By rising count "Yes 147"—"No 48", it was *Voted* that the Town appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00, to construct a World War II Memorial and that this project be under the supervision of the existing committee appointed by the Moderator to plan a memorial to members of the Armed Services who served in World War II.

ARTICLE 65—To see if the Town will vote to establish a monthly collection of rubbish by the Highway Department, with their equipment, this collection to be on Saturdays set aside by the Selectmen with regulations to be established by them, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted to dismiss this Article.

ARTICLE 66—To see if the Town will vote to accept and maintain Hilltop Drive as a public street, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the Town do accept and maintain Hilltop Drive as a public street subject to the approval of the Planning Board and Selectmen; and if, before it can be accepted as a public way, it conforms to the By-Laws of the Town.

ARTICLE 67—To see if the Town will vote to accept and maintain Conway Road as a public street, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the Town do accept and maintain Conway Road as a public street subject to the approval of the Planning Board and Selectmen; and if, before it can be accepted as a public way, it conforms to the By-Laws of the Town.

ARTICLE 68—To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 111B, Chapter 41 of the General Laws which states: "Any foreman, laborer, workman or mechanic regularly employed by any city or town which accepts this section shall, when entitled thereto, be granted sick leaves aggregating not more than fifteen days in any year, exclusive of Sundays and holidays, without loss of pay, provided that sick leave allowances not used in any particular year may be accumulated, for such number of years as may be determined by the city council of any such city or selectmen of any such town, for use in any subsequent year. The department of labor and industries shall enforce this section, and shall have all necessary powers therefor", or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that this Article be dismissed.

ARTICLE 69—To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 8A of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.) and amendments thereto dealing with the establishment of an Industrial and Development Commission for the Town of Millis, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the Town adopt the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 8A of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.) and amendments thereto dealing with the establishment of an Industrial and Development Commission for the Town of Millis.

ARTICLE 70—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of the Industrial Committee, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$100.00, for the use of the Industrial Committee.

ARTICLE 71—To see if the Town will vote to install a storm drain from the Clicquot property to the corner of Union and Water Street, appropriate money for same, or act in any manner relating thereto.

After discussion, this Article was *Voted* to be dismissed.

ARTICLE 72—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereto.

Voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, equal to anticipated reimbursements.

ARTICLE 73—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereto.

Voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance, equal to anticipated reimbursements.

ARTICLE 74—To see if the Town will vote to accept Lot, No. 46 corner of Ridge and Middlesex Street, approximately 2950 square feet; Lot 52 on Ridge Street, approximately 5240 square feet; Lot No. 54 on Ridge Street, approximately 6420 square feet, as shown on plan given to the Town by Paul M. Grenier, for the purpose of widening roadway, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the Town do accept Lot No. 46 corner of Ridge and Middlesex Street, approximately 2950 square feet; Lot 52 on Ridge Street, approximately 5240 square feet; Lot No. 54 on Ridge Street, approximately 6420 square feet, as shown on plan given to the Town by Paul M. Grenier, for the purpose of widening roadway.

ARTICLE 75—To see if the Town will vote to use the money collected from the New England Forestry Service Company for services of the Tree Warden to pay the Tree Warden for services rendered, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Motion made that the Town use the money collected from the New England Forestry Service Company for services of the Tree Warden to pay the Tree Warden for services rendered.

After discussion *Amended Motion offered and Voted* that the Town collect and pay weekly all money to its Tree Warden, for Tree Warden's services rendered to companies trimming trees on Town property for the Boston Edison Company and the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Voted that the Town use the money collected from the New England Forestry Service Company for services of the Tree Warden to pay the Tree Warden for services rendered; and that the Town collect and pay weekly all money to its Tree Warden for Tree Warden's services rendered to companies trimming trees on Town property for the Boston Edison Company and the New England Telephone and Telegraphy Company.

At this time the Moderator thanked publicly the Finance Committee for their work which has been outstanding. They have given freely of their time, service and ability.

ARTICLE 76—To see if the Town will vote to take the sum of \$40 000.00, from available funds for the purpose of its being used to reduce the direct 1956 tax rate, or act in any manner relating thereto.

By rising count “Yes 214”—“No 0”, it was *Voted* that the Town take the sum of \$40 000.00, from available funds for the purpose of its being used to reduce the direct 1956 tax rate.

ARTICLE 77—To see if the Town will choose, ask the Moderator or Selectmen to appoint a committee which shall report to the next special or regular Town Meeting on whatever matter is assigned to it at this meeting, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the Moderator appoint a Committee to act under this Article on Articles 20, 40 and 42 of this Town Warrant.

Voted to adjourn at 10:45 P.M.

LLOYD C. KING,
Town Clerk.

TABULATIONS OF 1956 APPROPRIATIONS

Article 3—Town Expenses and Officers’ Salaries.

General Government

Selectmen: Salaries		\$ 600.00
Town Accountant: Salary	\$ 1,000.00	
Expenses	150.00	
	<hr/>	1,150.00
Treasurer: Salary	800.00	
Expenses	350.00	
Tax Titles	500.00	
	<hr/>	1,650.00

Tax Collector: Salary	1,200.00	
Expenses	800.00	
Tax Takings	200.00	
	<hr/>	2,200.00
Assessors: Salaries	900.00	
Expenses	1,100.00	
	<hr/>	2,000.00
Town Clerk: Salary	500.00	
Expenses	400.00	
	<hr/>	900.00
Election Officers: Salaries	650.00	
Expenses	850.00	
	<hr/>	1,500.00
Board of Registrars: Salaries	45.00	
Expenses	550.00	
	<hr/>	595.00
Town Office: Salary, Clerk	2,600.00	
Salary, Janitor	200.00	
Expenses	2,900.00	
Town Reports	1,558.57	
	<hr/>	7,258.57
Legal		700.00
Planning Board: Salaries	250.00	
Expenses	500.00	
	<hr/>	750.00
Appeal Board: Salaries	150.00	
Expenses	50.00	
	<hr/>	200.00
Civil Defense: Expenses		200.00

Protection of Persons and Property

Police Department:

Motion made that \$15,120.00, be appropriated for the Police Department.

Amended Motion for \$16,060.00 Lost.

Voted 15,120.00

Dog Officer: Salary 100.00

Fire Department: Salaries	300.00	
Expenses	8,433.00	
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Police and Fire Alarm System		10,000.00
Gypsy Moth Department: Expenses		1,300.00
Tree Department: Expenses		1,700.00
Wire Inspector: Salary		100.00
Dutch Elm Disease		4,000.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures: Salary	50.00	
Expense	50.00	
	<hr/>	100.00
Dental Health Clinic		1,000.00
Board of Health		3,000.00
Garbage Disposal		2,200.00
Inspector of Slaughtering		480.00
Animal Inspector		150.00
Milk Inspector		50.00
Sewer Department: Commissioner's Salary	200.00	
Sewer Maintenance—Transfer of \$3,700.00 from Sewer Reserve Account		200.00

Highway Department

Highways and Bridges: Wages and Expenses	14,625.00
Chapter 81—Wages (Town's Share)	6,300.00
Snow Removal: Wages and Expenses	6,000.00
Street Lighting	6,070.00
Chapter 90, and Special Repairs	1,500.00
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	34,495.00

Charities

Welfare Board: Salaries	350.00
General Relief	9,500.00
Total Disability—in addition to Federal Grants	3,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children—	
in addition to Federal Grants	6,000.00
Old Age Assistance—	
in addition to Federal Grants	38,000.00

Department Administration—

in addition to Federal Grants

2,500.00

59,650.00

Veterans' Benefits

Veteran's Benefits

2,500.00

Agent: Salary and Expenses

1,250.00

3,750.00

Education

School Committee

500.00

Teacher's Salaries

120,702.00

Expenses

58,400.00

179,602.00

Vocational Tuition

1,200.00

Summer Recreational Program

600.00

Adult Evening Practical Arts

450.00

Public Library

Expenses

2,000.00

Water Department

Salary: Commissioners

300.00

Salary: Registrar

400.00

Expenses: Registrar

150.00

Water Department Expenses

16,000.00

16,850.00

Cemetery

Expenses—Plus Transfer of \$1,000.00 from
Lot and Grave and Burial accounts; and
interest from Perpetual Care Fund

3,200.00

Parks

Salary: Commissioner

150.00

Expenses

8,600.00

Memorial Park

150.00

Service Board	150.00	
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Pensions		
County Pension Cost		2,500.00
Unclassified		
Memorial Day		600.00
Legion Headquarters		600.00
Town Clock		100.00
Reserve Fund—See Article 8—transfer \$8,000.00.		
Insurance—Fire, Motor Vehicle and others		7,500.00
Debt and Interest		
Maturing Debt and Interest		41,500.00
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Total—Article 3		\$426,583.57
Article 4—Visiting Nurse		2,500.00
Article 20—Parcel of land for Water Department		300.00
Article 21—Extend 10-in. water main Farm and Acorn Streets to Acorn and Spencer Streets		2,100.00
Article 24—Extend 6-in. water main on Spencer Street		2,900.00
Article 30—Unpaid Water Dept. 1955 bills		648.05
Article 32—Investigation of land for School use		100.00
Article 34—Purchase of new School Bus		5,000.00
Article 35—City of Boston unpaid tuition 1952 bill		4.20
Article 36—Replacing water pipe to High School Building		650.00
Article 37—New Power Mower		1,000.00
Article 38—Preliminary work on planning Fire and Police Station		300.00
Article 41—Sidewalk on Pleasant Street		3,500.00
Article 44—Swimming Pool project		750.00
Article 49—Extend Sewer System on Irving Street		1,500.00
Article 52—Unpaid Lawrence F. Davis bill of 1955		872.99
Article 54—Purchase plot of land for Cemetery purposes		250.00
Article 58—Generator for Town Office Building		1,500.00
Article 59—Improvement of skating conditions on Richardson's land		400.00

Article 63—Park Department unpaid bill of 1954	146.00
Article 64—World War II Memorial	6,000.00
Article 70—Use of the Industrial Committee	100.00
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Grand Total appropriated	\$457,104.81

TRANSFERS

Article 3—Cemeteries: Interest from Perpetual Care Fund and from Lot and Grave and Burial accounts	\$ 1,000.00
Sewer Department: From Sewer Reserve account to Sewer Maintenance account	3,700.00
Article 7—From Road Machinery Fund to Road Machinery Account	2,535.65
Article 8—From Overlay Reserve to Reserve Fund Account	8,000.00
Article 10—From Available Funds in Treasury to Stabilization Fund Account	10,000.00
Article 43—From Available Funds in Treasury, Paul Grenier contribution, to pay maturing debt of water extension	10,000.00
Article 49—Sewer Extension System:	
From unexpended 1953 balance	\$ 93.15
From unexpended 1954 balance	406.85
to apply on Irving Street extension	500.00
Article 50—From Sewer Receipts to pay 1955 unpaid bills	237.78
Article 51—From Unexpended 1953 Sewer Extension balance to pay 1955 outstanding bills on Plain Street Sewer Extension	713.79

RESULTS OF VOTES CAST AT PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

April 24, 1956

DELEGATES AT LARGE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES AT LARGE
TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Republican Delegates

Christian A. Herter	73
Leverett Saltonstall	69
Joseph W. Martin, Jr.	70
Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.	71
Sinclair Weeks	65
Elmer C. Nelson	60
Ralph H. Bonnell	63
Esther W. Wheeler	64
Robert F. Bradford	63
Thomas Pappas	60

Democratic Delegates

John F. Kennedy	168
Paul A. Dever	158
John W. McCormack	158
John B. Hynes	149
William H. Burke, Jr.	143
Margaret M. O'Riordan	145
James M. Curley	151
Thomas J. Buckley	147
Edward J. Cronin	143
John E. Powers	143
Michael F. Skerry	141
Albert S. Previte, Jr.	143
John A. Callahan	139
J. William Belanger	136
Daniel Rudsten	134
Ida R. Lyons	137
Garrett H. Byrne	139
Daniel B. Brunton	135
James D. O'Brien	140
John F. Kane	137
Howard W. Fitzpatrick	139
John S. Begley	137
James J. Corbett	138
Jackson J. Holtz	135

Alternate Delegates

Basil Brewer	57	Joseph A. DeGuglielmo	138
Bruce Crane	59	J. Henry Goguen	133
Katherine G. Howard	61	Chester A. Dolan, Jr.	144
Charles J. Innes	62	Michael LoPresti	137
Daniel J. Lynch	62	Peter J. Rzeznikiewicz	141
Maxwell M. Rabb	60	Francis E. Lavigne	146
Richard F. Treadway	60	Salvatore Camileo	132
John A. Volpe	60	Leonard J. Warner	132
William W. White	58	Silas F. Taylor	133

Sumner G. Whittier	62	Mary A. Tomasello	135
		Hugh J. McLaughlin	138
		Doris M. Racicot	133
		Anna Sullivan	135
		Mary DePasquale Murray	138
		Charles N. Collatos	142
		Anthony M. Scibelli	133
		Matthew L. McGrath, Jr.	134
		Joseph Garczynski, Jr.	132
		Edward Krock	132
		James R. Carter	134
		Thomas J. Hannon	134
		Harry L. Silva	133
		Jean S. LeCompte	134
		John F. Cahill	137

DISTRICT DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DISTRICT DELEGATES
TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Republican		Democratic	
Delegates—Group 1			
George L. Sargent	55	Edward F. Doolan	74
Edward H. Bowen	47	Manuel J. Duarte	38
		David D. Talbot	40
		Paul V. McDonough	53
Alternate Delegates—Group 1			
Richard Saltonstall	50	Matthew J. Kuss	34
John S. Ames, Jr.	44	Joseph E. Hanify, Jr.	44
Delegates—Group 2			
Gerald E. Riley	6	William P. Grant	12
Florence G. Claussen	0	Antone Perreira	9
		Joseph P. Clark, Jr.	9
		Francis W. Harrington	14
Alternate Delegates—Group 2			
Harold T. Darling	4	Edmund J. Brennan	17
Ernest C. Ladeira	0	Charles A. McCloskey	11

STATE COMMITTEE

Middlesex and Norfolk District

<i>Vote for One Man</i>		<i>Vote for One Man</i>	
Addison C. Armstrong	66	Walter T. Burke	4
		Donald M. Johnson	1
		Francis C. McKenna	4
		Daniel L. Murphy	291
<i>Vote for One Woman</i>		<i>Vote for One Woman</i>	
Ann C. Gannett	59	Constance L. Acton	98

TOWN COMMITTEE

Republican		Democratic	
Horace V. Balkam	77	William J. Christian	186
Merle A. Browne	72	James J. Clancy	180
Michael E. Collins	70	Daniel L. Murphy	208
Charles J. Cotton	71	George D. Cassidy	190
Harold E. Curran	73	Narcissa B. Ingraham	165
Talbot Dewey	70	Thomas J. Moran	165
Charles S. Dukelow	73	Adam P. Consoletti	192
John Ellington	66	Hugh J. McCarthy, Jr.	191
Robert D. Frink	71	Alfred J. Tamuleviz	176
Gordon P. King	74	Thomas S. Lydon	186
Leonard W. Lindahl	71	Henry J. Cassidy	190
Charles A. Lipsett	70	Dennis J. Murphy	189
Lloyd Lipsett	69	James F. Tabarani	175
Morris C. Mushnick	73	John F. Sheehan	173
Charles M. Plimpton	69	Helena M. Cassidy	176
Ruth N. Purdy	72	Susan D. Lang	169
Moody J. Richardson	70	Harold Keough	185
George Y. Robinson	76	William L. Whelan	172
Jane T. Robinson	69	Winifred E. Jerzylo	168
Bessie T. Simpson	73	Robert W. McDonough	176
Raymond E. Simpson	76	Charles A. Smith	171
		James B. White	180
		Katherine C. O'Rourke	181
		Robert E. Brodeur	175
		Virginia N. Mandell	165
		Arthur T. Hurley, Jr.	168
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PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

Republican		Democratic	
Herter	2	McCormack	68
Eisenhower	48	Stevenson	31
Lodge	1	Kennedy	13
Kefauver	1	Kefauver	10
Stevenson	1	Eisenhower	4
McCormack	1	Dever	1

RESULT OF VOTES CAST AT STATE PRIMARY
September 18, 1956

Republican			Democratic
GOVERNOR			
Sumner G. Whittier	167	Foster Furcolo	125
		Thomas H. Buckley	45
		Blanks	6
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR			
Charles Gibbons	167	Robert F. Murphy	115
		James A. Burke	27
		George A. Wells	27
		Blanks	7
SECRETARY			
Richard I. Furbush	163	Edward J. Cronin	151
		Robert Emmet Dinsmore	18
		Blanks	7
TREASURER			
Robert H. Beaudreau	160	Clement A. Riley	81
		John F. Kennedy	62

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John F. Buckley	15
Henry Joseph Hurley	4
John M. Kennedy	8
Blanks	6

AUDITOR

Joseph A. Nobile	164	Thomas J. Buckley	140
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ATTORNEY GENERAL

George Fingold	168	Joseph D. Ward	91
		Edward J. McCormack, Jr.	77
		Blanks	8

CONGRESSMAN

Joseph William Martin, Jr.	169	Edward F. Doolan	139
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COUNCILLOR

Christian A. Herter, Jr.	159	Peter James Coulouras	19
Harris A. Reynolds	13	Frederick M. Donovan	110
Blanks	9	Anthony Russo	18

SENATOR

Charles W. Olson	164	Alfred M. Cote	114
		John T. Dias	47
		Blanks	15

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

William F. Nourse	172	Edward J. Delaney	108
		Bertrand Remillard	59
		Blanks	9

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Russell T. Bates	154	John J. McKenna	99
Clayton W. Nash	145	Howard Haines Murphy	132

SHERIFF

Samuel H. Wragg	140	Peter M. McCormack	146
John H. Brownell	36		
Blanks	5		

RESULT OF VOTES CAST AT STATE ELECTION**Tuesday, November 6, 1956****PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT**

Eisenhower and Nixon	Republican	1078
Hass and Cozzini	Socialist Labor	2
Holtwick and Cooper	Prohibition	0
Stevenson and Kefauver	Democratic	529
Blanks		17

GOVERNOR

Foster Furcolo	Democratic	684
Sumner G. Whittier	Republican	918
Henning A. Blomen	Socialist Labor	1
Mark R. Shaw	Prohibition	1
Blanks		21

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Charles Gibbons	Republican	935
Robert F. Murphy	Democratic	650
Harold E. Bassett	Prohibition	3
Francis A. Votano	Socialist Labor	0
Blanks		37

SECRETARY

Edward J. Cronin	Democratic	587
Richard I. Furbush	Republican	887
Earl F. Dodge	Prohibition	3
Lawrence Gilfedder	Socialist Labor	3
Blanks		45

TREASURER

John F. Kennedy	Democratic	696
Robert H. Beaudreau	Republican	882
Isaac Goddard	Prohibition	4
Willy N. Hogseth	Socialist Labor	1
Blanks		42

AUDITOR

Thomas J. Buckley	Democratic	812
Joseph A. Nobile	Republican	761

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John B. Lauder	Prohibition	1
Anthony Martin	Socialist Labor	3
Blanks		48

ATTORNEY GENERAL

George Fingold	Republican	949
Edward J. McCormack, Jr.	Democratic	639
Fred M. Ingersoll	Socialist Labor	1
Howard B. Rand	Prohibition 1	1
Blanks		35

CONGRESSMAN

Joseph William Martin, Jr.	Republican	1044
Edward F. Doolan	Democratic	548
Blanks		33

COUNCILLOR

Frederick M. Donovan	Democratic	606
Christian A. Herter, Jr.	Republican	973
Blanks		46

SENATOR

Charles W. Olson	Republican	962
John T. Dias	Democratic	601
Blanks		62

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

William F. Nourse	Republican	1052
Bertrand Remillard	Democratic	537
Blanks		36

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Russell T. Bates	Republican	913
Clayton W. Nash	Republican	818
John J. McKenna	Democratic	559
Howard Haines Murphy	Democratic	595

SHERIFF

Samuel H. Wragg	Republican	961
Peter M. McCormack	Democratic	595
Blanks		69

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Question No. 1

A.—Shall licenses be granted in this Town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages (whiskey, rum, gin, malt beverages, wines and all other alcoholic beverages)?	Yes	1054
	No	346
	Blanks	225
B.—Shall licenses be granted in this Town for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer, ale and all other malt beverages)?	Yes	1028
	No	319
	Blanks	278
C.—Shall licenses be granted in this Town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages in packages, so called, not to be drunk on the premises?	Yes	1161
	No	226
	Blanks	238

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, December 10, 1956, A.D.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Norfolk, S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Millis, in said County.
GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Millis, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet on

Monday, December 10, 1956, at 8:00 P.M., in the

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM in said Millis,
then and there to act on the following Articles, viz:

Moderator, Rudolph F. King called meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. by reading the Warrant and Constable Return.

ARTICLE 1—To see if the Town will accept the report of the Committee appointed under Article 38 of the 1956, Regular Town Meeting concerning the planning of a Fire and a Police Station, and selecting a parcel of land for same, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee appointed under Article 38 of the 1956, Regular Town Meeting concerning the planning of a Fire and a Police Station, and selecting a parcel of land for same, as given by Fire Chief, John Ward.

ARTICLE 2—To see if the Town will vote to ask the Moderator to re-appoint the same Committee, which he appointed under Article 38 at the 1956 Town Meeting, to investigate and plan a Fire and Police Station and parcel of land. The Committee to report at next Regular Town Meeting on the available locations, and to insert the necessary Articles in the 1957, Annual Town Meeting Warrant to effect:

- (1) The acquisition of land for a Fire and Police Station.
- (2) The construction of a Fire and Police Station in accordance with plans so presented by this Committee.
- (3) The transfer of, or financing for, the acquisition of land for said Fire and Police Station, and a financing plan for the construction and equipping of the building.

or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted to ask the Moderator to re-appoint the same Committee, which he appointed under Article 38 at the 1956, Annual Town Meeting, to investigate and plan a Fire and Police Station and parcel of land. The Committee to report at next Regular Town Meeting on the available locations, and to insert the necessary Articles in the 1957, Annual Town Meeting Warrant to effect:

- (1) The acquisition of land for a Fire and Police Station.
- (2) The construction of a Fire and Police Station in accordance with plans so presented by this Committee.
- (3) The transfer of, or financing for, the acquisition of land for said Fire and Police Station, and a financing plan for the construction and equipping of the building.

ARTICLE 3—To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,000.00, to the Snow Removal Account, or **act in any manner relating thereto.**

Voted to transfer from free cash the sum of \$3,000.00. to the Snow Removal Account.

ARTICLE 4—To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$157.00, from available funds in the Election Officer's Salary Account, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted to transfer the sum of \$137.01. from free cash to the Election Officers' Salary Account.

ARTICLE 5—To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$97.04, from available fund to the Election Expenses Account, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted to transfer the sum of \$150.00. from free cash to the Election Expenses Account.

ARTICLE 6—To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$177.76, from available funds to the County Pension Account, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted to transfer the sum of \$177.76, from free cash to the County Pension Account.

At this time Lawrence J. Reardon and Clyde F. Brown were appointed by the Moderator to count the voters in the hall.

The count showed 174 voters present, which was not a quorum.

ARTICLE 7—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint the present committee to present plans and recommendations at the next annual Town meeting for raising the necessary funds for a four (4) room addition to the Clyde F. Brown Elementary School, or for a new school building; and that there be appropriated for the use of said committee the sum of \$200.00, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted to authorize the Moderator to appoint the present committee to make recommendations at the next annual Town Meeting for raising the necessary funds for a four-room (4) addition to the Clyde F. Brown Elementary School, or for a new school building; and that there be appropriated for the use of said committee the sum of \$199.00.

ARTICLE 8—To see if the Town will vote to create a special unpaid committee to be known as a Regional School District Planning Committee, to consist of three (3) members, including one (1) member of the School Committee, to be appointed by the Moderator in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Chapter 71, of the General Laws, as amended and to report at the next annual Town meeting; and that there be appropriated for the use of said committee the sum of \$200.00, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted to create a special unpaid Committee to be known as a Regional School District Planning Committee, to consist of three (3) members, including one (1) member of the School Committee, to be appointed by the Moderator in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Chapter 71, of the General Laws, as amended and to report at the next annual Town Meeting; and that there be appropriated for the use of said Committee the sum of \$199.00.

Voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 P.M.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof, seven days at least before the time of said meeting as directed by the vote of the Town.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 23rd day of November A.D. 1956.

MORRIS C. MUSHNICK
RAYMOND E. SIMPSON
MICHAEL E. COLLINS

Selectmen of Millis

A true copy.

Attest: Henry J. Cassidy, Constable of Millis

December 1, 1956.

Millis, Mass.
December 1, 1956

Norfolk, S.S.

By virtue of this Warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of Millis of said meeting at said time and place as herein directed and in accordance with the By-Laws of the Town of Millis.

HENRY J. CASSIDY,
Constable of Millis.

(Signed) LLOYD C. KING,
Town Clerk.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN MILLIS DURING THE YEAR 1956

<i>Date</i> 1955	<i>Name</i>	<i>Parents</i>
May 5	Donna Ann Burstyn	Aron and Rhoda
May 9	Jonathan Michael Bruce	Martin and Gladys
May 16	Brian Thomas Hurley	Arthur T. and Agnes V.
May 30	Sandra Jean Whitecross	John K. and Marjorie
Aug. 2	Robert Stephen Cassidy	George D. and Regina C.
Aug. 20	Mark Randall MacCallum	Wilbur J. and Leonora
Sept. 2 Doliner	Seymour and Judith
Sept. 20	Erie Alexander Vance	Robert G. and Jacqueline
Sept. 20	Catherine Knight	Richard H. and Lucille M.
Sept. 21	Elizabeth Mary Murphy	John E. and Barbara A.
Oct. 8	Michele Mary Madeline Farrell	Patrick J. and Madeline J.
Nov. 14	James Michael Mueller	James C. and Enid E.
Nov. 16	Robert Edward Broderick	Robert J. and Kathleen T.
Nov. 18	John Terrence McGann	John T. and Barbara M.
Dec. 3	David Paul Kuhn	Donald M. and Shirley
Dec. 6	Janet Marie Gibbs	Henry L. and Grace M.
Dec. 6	Richard Andrew Casey	Eddy J. and Louise
Dec. 17	Thomas Joseph Quinn	Robert H. and Jean
Dec. 19	Peter Lind Hartwell	James H. and Emma
Dec. 21	Judith Eve DeLorey	Robert and Beulah
Dec. 23	Sharon Lee Callahan	Robert V. and Marilyn L.
Dec. 24	Barbara Macdonald Sheldon	Dana M. and Mary K.

1956

Jan. 1	Christopher Downing	John T. and Mary
Jan. 4	Edward Albert McMahon	Leslie Q. and Joan P.
Jan. 6	Robert Joseph Collins, Jr.	Robert J. and Constance G.
Jan. 10	Stephen Paul Coffin	Frederick R. and Miriam H.
Jan. 14	Robert Andrew Volpicelli, Jr.	Robert A. and Patricia A.
Jan. 15	Joseph Michael Kerwin	Edward P. and Ida
Jan. 17	Elizabeth Sheehan	John F. and Marjorie E.
Jan. 23	Barbara Jean Hoffman	Francis A. and Barbara
Jan. 25	Jeffrey Wayne Hansen	Wayne L. and Barbara J.
Jan. 25	Edward Alden LaCroix, Jr.	Edward A. and Elizabeth
Feb. 2	Mark Lawrence Sullivan	Robert L. and Teresa A.
Feb. 8	Teresa J. Kilmartin	Jerry and Mary A.
Feb. 11	Mary Jeanette Matthews	Thomas and Helen M.
Feb. 11	James Patrick Curley	William T. and Margaret E.
Feb. 13	Joseph Francis Fay, Jr.	Joseph F. and Louise
Feb. 16	Rolfe Eric French	Lindol and Alice
Feb. 17	Lisa LaRocca	Frank and Crucy
Feb. 18	Jo Anne Herren	Charles and Evelyn L.
Feb. 21	Paul Joseph Fraser	Alfred W. and Gertrude M.
Feb. 21	Maureen Biagiotti	Richard J. and Lorraine M.
Feb. 22	Dana Bruce Fields	Albert A. and Lillian L.
Feb. 29	John Anthony Signorello	Joseph and Evelyn
Mar. 7	Richard Mayer Robinson	Donald A. and Polly
Mar. 13	Ann Marie Tabarani	James F. and Janet
Mar. 14	Bruce William Giovanella	Albert L. and Mary D.
Mar. 17	Robert Joseph Naughton III	Robert J. and Beatrice T.
Mar. 19	Marlene Teresa Fisher	George and Marlene
Mar. 21	Wallace Arthur Stockbridge III	Wallace A. and Alberta L.
Mar. 25	Leslee Gail MacInnes	Warren B. and Shirley
Mar. 26	William Gregory Whelan	William F. and Marlene J.
Mar. 28	Gary Louis Burns	Howard I. and Alice
Apr. 6	Charles David Proudman	Dexter F. and Katherine
Apr. 7	Kathleen Ann Byrne	Gerald J. and Bernice
Apr. 15	David Gerard Braun	Leo H. and Rita P.
Apr. 21	James Emile Pelletier	Omer and Lenola
Apr. 23	Peter Merritt Wilmarth	Edward A. and Althea R.
Apr. 25	Raymond John Brochu	Raymond E. and Marjorie
May 1	James Elliott	Graeme and Lydia T.
May 11	Dexter MacLean Gould, Jr.	Dexter M. and Ruth M.
May 11	Lawrence Kenneth Eckhardt	George and Marjorie
May 12	Leslie Jane Crosby	Stanley S. and Marion
May 16	Russell Richardson Clark III	Russell R. and Geraldine

May 21	Caitlin Corbett	John M. and Louise
May 26	Sandra Ann Blackwell	Allen A. and Annette T.
May 27	Michael David Smith	Robert E. and Arlene
June 2	Jacqueline Ann Frink	Donald W. and Vivian G.
June 7	Nancy Joanne Kelley	Stanton R. and Sally
June 8	Martin Laffan Mansfield	John L. and Ellen P.
June 13	Bruce Arthur Boulter	Reeve E. and Lorraine
June 16	Karen Lillian Bennett	Daniel J. and Roberta H.
June 23	Edgar Alcide DeCoste	Edgar A. and Claire
June 27 Olson	Norman and Kay
June 28	Brian Joseph Cooney	George J. and Katherine
June 28	Eileen Marie Chamberlin	Ernest K. and Dorothy G.
July 6	Joseph Thomas Cassidy	Joseph T. and May
July 10	Janet Louise Moore	Frank J. and Shirley
July 11	Paul Dickson Baril	John L. and Audrey P.
July 12	Robert Lee Wood	Robert A. and Ellen
July 23	Garry Albert Drowne	Louis A. and Jeannette
July 27	Douglas Arthur DeDoming, Jr.	Douglas A. and Vera
July 29	Mary Elizabeth Cates	Walter F. and Betsy L.
July 29	Michael Perciaccante	Henry D. and Therese A.
Aug. 6	Patricia Anne Monaghan	James H. and Mary R.
Aug. 7	James Alfred Mills III	James A. and Barbara M.
Aug. 11	Robert Michael Dubinsky	Robert M. and Marie
Aug. 27	Neil John Henderson	Arthur J. and Mary
Aug. 27	Janette Mighton	Samuel G. and Arlene
Aug. 28	Stephen Edward Moffett	Lawrence E. and Theresa M.
Sept. 1	Michael Thomas Terrio	John T. and Frances
Sept. 15	Margaret Kimberley Cotton	Charles J. and Martha
Oct. 6	Mark Burke Lyons	John J. and Mary T.
Oct. 6	Maureen Berry Lyons	John J. and Mary T.
Oct. 10	Deborah Ruth Mahoney	John W. and Priscilla
Oct. 26	Timothy John Ritchie	John M. and Shirley A.
Oct. 27	Stephen Joseph Walsh	John T. and Celia
Oct. 29	Suzanne Marie Fontaine	Raymond D. and Hazel
Oct. 31	Frederic Neal Fuller	Hayden K. and Martha
Nov. 12	Thomas Francis Smith	Thomas F. and Consuelo L.
Nov. 12	Kathleen Ann Quinn	Robert H. and Jean
Nov. 18	Judy Ann Kuhn	Donald M. and Shirley
Nov. 27	James Francis Tynan	James F. and Barbara A.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN MILLIS DURING THE YEAR 1956

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>By Whom</i>	<i>Where</i>
1955				
July 3	Carleton Davis Anita D. Gutterman	Roxbury Dorchester	Samuel Chiel Rabbi	Millis
1956				
Feb. 4	Robert A. Beaver Audrey Neil	Millis Stoughton	Rev. John P. Robertson	Braintree
Mar. 2	Robert L. Granger Helen E. Bakam	Millis Mattapan	Rev. James A. Dillon	Milton
Mar. 11	Justin F. Power Marie DiGiandomenico	Millis Norwood	Rev. William J. Maguire	Norwood
Apr. 14	Richard A. Sanborn Priscilla H. LaCroix	Natick Millis	Rev. Robert L. Howland	Millis
Apr. 20	Rodney F. Lipsett Lorraine A. Curry	Millis Medfield	Rev. John P. Boles	Medfield
May 12	Walter A. Falvey Ann L. Crowley	Owensboro, Ky. Millis	Rev. Gerald J. Donovan	Millis
May 27	Arnold Rosenberg Evelyn R. Mael	Bronx, N. Y. Millis	Levi I. Horowitz Rabbi	Malden

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June 4	James K. McFetridge Carol J. Chase	Millis Medway	Rev. Robert I. Howland	Millis
June 4	Lloyd W. Simpson Delores L. Thompson	Millis Millis	Hubert J. Birney Justice of the Peace	New Haven, Conn.
June 17	Robert W. Fry, Jr. Beverly L. Crossman	St. Cloud, Fla. Sherborn	Rev. Robert I. Howland	Millis
June 22	Russell S. Bowie Barbara J. Longley	Millis Belmont	Rev. G. Theodore Forsberg	Cambridge
June 23	William V. Voyer Lucille Barrier	Millis Millis	Rev. Robert I. Howland	Millis
June 23	Hubert M. Picard Jenny I. Murray	Millis Milford	Rev. David P. Burke	Milford
June 29	Otis E. Gilpatrick, Jr. Marion L. Sutherland	Millis Franklin	Rev. Robert I. Howland	Millis
June 29	Ralph L. Howes Carole A. Rogan	Millis Norwood	Rev. Robert I. Howland	Millis
June 30	Jeremy C. Eastman Phyllis M. Lydon	Framingham Millis	Rev. Gerald J. Donovan	Millis
July 7	Richard A. O'Leary Ellen Crowley	Cleveland, Ohio Millis	Rev. Gerald J. Donovan	Millis
July 8	James E. Ackroyd, Jr. Jane A. Petty	Millis Marlboro	Rev. Norman C. MacLenn	Marlboro

July 21	Edward P. Tamulevitz Josephine T. Colletto	Millis So. Braintree	Rev. John L. Parsons	Braintree
Aug. 12	Joshua Mael Naomi R. Forman	Millis Mattapan	Levi I. Horowitz Rabbi	Dorchester
Aug. 17	Julius Doliner Joan B. McKinstry	Millis Milton	A. William Pruner Justice of the Peace	Litchfield, Conn.
Sept. 1	Wallace F. White Virginia M. Kingsbury	Millis Milford	Rev. Robert I. Howland	Millis
Sept. 8	Maurice H. Lamothe Janet M. Clement	Mendon Millis	Rev. Gerald J. Donovan	Millis
Sept. 8	Richard E. Getchell Edith L. Malm	W. Somerville Millis	Rev. James O. Eskridge	West Roxbury
Sept. 8	George H. Frink Sally J. Swenson	Millis Norfolk	Rev. Carl T. Hall	Norfolk
Oct. 6	Robert A. Carlson Anita L. Perry	Millis Mansfield	Rev. Robert W. Siemens	Foxboro
Oct. 13	Paul H. Tabor Bernadine Grogan	Millis Watertown	Rev. Dennis F. Sullivan	Belmont
Oct. 20	James J. Collins Carol A. Benefield	Millis Miami, Fla.	Rev. Gerald J. Donovan	Millis
Oct. 24	Raymond F. Finn Shirley E. Mick	Holliston Millis	Rev. Aromas J. Tobin	Holliston

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Oct. 27	Paul K. Gustin Patricia A. Fleming	Millis Millis	Rev. Gerald J. Donovan	Millis
Nov. 11	Morris Weiner Ethel Newman	Medway Revere	Abraham Kazis Rabbi	Millis
Nov. 17	John C. Hurley, Jr. Rose M. Longo	Jamaica Plain Millis	Rev. Gerald J. Donovan	Millis
Nov. 22	Walter B. Watson Marilyn Davis	Millis N. Little Rock, Ark.	Rev. Dexter B. Rice	Millis
Dec. 9	David A. Clark Lois A. Hallet	Millis Norfolk	Rev. Carl T. Hall	Norfolk
Dec. 21	Robert R. Power Joan Fontaine	Millis Medway	Rev. John L. Parsons	Millis



DEATHS RECORDED IN MILLIS DURING THE YEAR 1956

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Place of Burial</i>
Jan. 2	Abraham Margolis	50 — —	Sharon
Jan. 8	Everett L. Coldwell	77 2 11	Millis
Jan. 15	Harry Theodore Hall	56 — 21	Millis
Jan. 16	Thomas Henry Cunningham	69 7 11	Millis
Jan. 29	Marie Magnuson	91 9 5	Millis
Jan. 31	Catherine E. Rauch	83 5 —	Millis
Feb. 10	George W. Parsons	74 8 12	Millis
Feb. 10	Walter M. Prescott	84 7 25	Millis
Feb. 20	Norman Aspic Spiller	80 11 16	Medfield
Feb. 28	Rhoda Drake	91 8 1	Millis
Mar. 18	Lloyd W. Mosher	42 5 3	Millis
Mar. 26	Harry A. Mosher	64 — —	No. Pembroke
Mar. 27	William Sheehan	50 3 9	Medway
Apr. 15	Robert Lee Mick	23 6 13	Medfield
Apr. 15	Ida Wilson	96 3 3	Millis
Apr. 28	Elizabeth Hogg	65 — —	Boston
June 15	Walter E. Dow	63 2 24	Medfield
June 27 Olson	— — —	Millis
July 5	Sarah Sidman	72 1 —	Boston
July 12	Anna Jackson	65 — —	Sharon
July 13	Cynthia Harcovitz	1 — 9	Millis
July 19	Janis Aboltins	66 6 29	Millis
Aug. 5	Isadore Miller	77 — —	Sharon
Aug. 12	Carroll J. Robinson	43 3 27	Boston
Aug. 18	Mabel F. Nyren	62 — —	Millis
Aug. 29	Nora F. McCabe	83 9 —	Brockton
Sept. 22	Merle Aucillo Browne	60 9 1	Millis
Sept. 22	Effie Blanche Ellis	66 10 19	Natick
Sept. 24	Edith Caroline Young	78 10 25	Newton
Sept. 29	Anton Braun	88 4 29	Medway
Oct. 7	Elizabeth Crowther	73 5 7	Millis
Oct. 10	Carl A. Ahlberg	82 0 21	Millis
Oct. 18	Francis J. Garceau	62 4 18	Hopkinton
Nov. 1	Edith Agnes Lovelace	63 11 7	West Medway
Nov. 4	Helena Boot Mick	45 1 20	Medfield
Nov. 11	Angus J. Boyle	67 — —	Mabou, No. S. Can.
Dec. 8	Douglas A. Powers	— 15 6	Millis
Dec. 17	Bartholomew Smith	83 7 20	Millis
Dec. 25	John Houston	56 — —	Canton

BURIALS RECORDED IN MILLIS DURING THE YEAR 1956

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>
Jan. 9	Nancy A. Holbrook	71 — —	Brockton
Jan. 26	Edward W. Stafford	80 — —	Framingham
Apr. 20	Carl Johnson	66 — —	Boston
Apr. 21	Albert C. Yarush	39 4 18	Hudson
Apr. 27	Peter P. Hickey	75 7 2	Holliston
Apr. 30	Frank Edward Taylor	57 11 7	Needham
May 8	Andrew Ellison Currier	75 11 8	Westwood
Aug. 22	Flora Lipsett	83 4 28	Bellingham
Sept. 5	Elizabeth Horan	85 — —	Boston
Sept. 18	Delmar Aulenback	70 — —	Medfield
Oct. 2	William J. Rolfe	26 — —	Calhoun, Texas
Nov. 2	Louis B. Richardson	80 6 —	Attleboro
Nov. 14	Georgina Adalaide Viera	60 7 19	Jackson, N. H.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

January 7, 1957

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Millis:

I hereby submit the following report of the inspection of animals for the year ending December 31, 1956.

The annual barn and animal inspection has been completed.

There were four hundred and twenty-eight head of cattle brought in from out of state. These were checked and released.

There were thirty-three dog bites during the year and none of these dogs showed any symptoms of rabies.

All other work was carried out as ordered by the Director of Livestock Disease Control.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. McCARTHY,
Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

January 7, 1957

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Millis:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1956.

During the year one hundred ninety-nine animals were slaughtered and passed inspection.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. McCARTHY
Inspector of Slaughtering

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

December 31, 1956

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of Millis:

I herewith submit my report as Veterans' Agent and Director of Veterans' Services for the year ending December 31, 1956.

Inquiries by veterans and their dependents and dependents of servicemen seeking advice, assistance and information relative to State and Federal Benefits and other various pertinent problems are as follows:

Hospitalization	36
Out-Patient Treatment	29
Education	9
Insurance	22
Pensions and Compensation	37
Financial Assistance	41
Home Loans	29
Korean Bonus	24
Notarizing Papers	26
Tax Exemption	17
Photostats	26
Miscellaneous	53

Financial Report

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Appropriation		\$2,500.00
Expenditures:		
Ordinary Benefits	\$1,161.50	
Fuel	5.00	
Medical	339.79	
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Total		\$1,506.29

Receipts:

Received from State	\$198.75	
Receivable from State	554.40	
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Total		753.15
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Cost to Town	\$	753.14
Balance to Revenue	\$	993.71
		\$2,500.00

ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation		\$1,250.00
Expenditures:		
Salary of Agent	\$	834.59
General Expenses		415.41
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		\$1,250.00

I wish to thank the Selectmen, Mr. Walter Hoar, Assistant Service Officers of Millis Post No. 208, American Legion, the local doctors, the visiting nurses, and all others who so graciously assisted me during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP L. GAVIN, JR.

Director of Veterans' Services

REPORT OF MILK INSPECTOR

December 31, 1956

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and the Citizens of Millis:

I herewith submit my report as Milk Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1956.

Samples of milk sold in the local markets and distributed by dealers were examined and found to conform with the minimum standards of the Massachusetts Board of Health.

The following permits were issued and the money for same turned over to the Town Treasurer.

3 Oleomargarine Permits	\$1.50
20 Milk Permits	10.00
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	\$11.50

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP J. GAVIN, JR.,

Milk Inspector

NORFOLK COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

REPORT TO TOWN OF MILLIS

Chapter 341 was enacted by the Legislature on May 19, 1956 creating the Norfolk County Mosquito Control Project. On July 1, 1956 actual Mosquito Control operations began. The 22 towns within the project include: Avon, Bellingham, Canton, Dedham, Dover, Foxborough, Franklin, Holbrook, Medfield, Medway, Millis, Milton, Needham, Norfolk, Norwood, Plainville, Randolph, Sharon, Stoughton, Walpole, Westwood, and Wrentham. The aggregate annual appropriation for the project is \$70,000.00. This report covers the period from July 1 to December 1, 1956.

On August 2, 1956 a human case of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (Horse Sleeping Sickness) was reported to the State Health Department. There followed in rapid succession a number of other human cases as well as infections in horses and pheasants, the latter believed to be a reservoir for the virus disease. To combat the outbreak within the project area, funds made available by the State were used by the project in the town of Millis as follows:

Mist Blower Spraying	500 acres
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ASSESSORS' REPORT FOR 1956

Valuation of real estate	\$4,219,600.00
Valuation of personal estate	384,380.00
Total valuation	<hr/> \$4,603,980.00

TOTAL TAXES

State parks and reservations	\$429.27
State audit of municipal accounts	1,749.23
Smoke inspection service	50.04
Hurricane flood overdraft 1955	5,119.64
County tax	7,579.26
County tuberculosis hospital	7,528.22
Overlay for 1956	12,179.50
Town grant	493,792.03
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Total taxes for 1956	\$528,006.99

RECEIPTS

Free cash in treasury	\$40,000.00
Estimated receipts	145,363.43
Available funds	36,828.88
Taxes from real estate	278,493.60
Taxes from personal estate	25,369.08
Poll taxes (976)	1,952.00
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Total receipts	\$528,006.99
Rate per thousand	\$68.00

WARRANTS TO COLLECTOR

Real estate	\$278,493.60
Personal estate	25,369.08
Poll taxes (976)	1,952.00
December taxes	653.40
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Total warrants	\$306,468.08

ABATEMENTS

Polls (52)	\$104.00
Real estate 1955 levy	18.00
Real estate 1956 levy	601.20

Total abatements	\$723.20
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EXEMPTIONS

Real estate clauses 17 and 22	\$10,127.70
Polls 1956 levy clause 17 (117)	234.00

Total exemptions	\$10,361.70
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MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILER EXCISE

Number of vehicles	1,461
Total valuation	\$881,960.00

WARRANTS TO COLLECTOR

1955 levy	\$581.09
1956 levy	38,977.22

Total warrants	\$39,558.31
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ABATEMENTS

1954 levy	\$134.83
1955 levy	434.88
1956 levy	2,022.46

Total abatements	\$2,592.17
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GEORGE D. CASSIDY

GEORGE Y. ROBINSON

MILLARD B. LaCROIX

Assessors of Millis

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of Millis:

We are losing a tremendous lot of trees caused by old age and disease. I feel that if we step up our program of planting new trees a little it will help to overcome this situation.

ARTHUR M. SMITH,
Tree Warden

REPORT OF BOARD OF APPEALS

December 27, 1956

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and the Citizens of Millis:

The Board of Appeals, established under the Zoning By-Law held seven Public Hearings this year.

May 18—Murdock J. Sampson, Alma Road, lot line variance granted.

September 25—Daniel C. Collins, Jr., Pleasant Street, variance granted to conduct printing business and restaurant.

October 8—Samuel J. Howie, Ridge Street, extension of non-conforming use granted to erect three car garage and garden house.

October 19—Ann A. Sanella, Main Street, variance granted in a decision that, in effect, extends commercial zone in that district to the easterly boundary of Sanella land.

October 19—Stephen Dmytryck, Main Street, variance granted to construct building, property being contiguous to legal non-conforming use land.

November 9—Homer R. Overly, Jr., Orchard Street, granted permission to erect dog kennels and stable for private use.

December 3—Ruth R. McGonagle, Curve Street, petition denied to convert garage into separate dwelling for failure of proposed project to meet several requirements of zoning law and objections of abutter.

On all petitions decisions were unanimous, the Board basing such decisions on the Millis By-law, with special weight to "no more detrimental or objectionable to the neighborhood and the town" and the General Laws of Massachusetts covering such matters when the local law was obscure.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. WRIGHT, *Chairman*
ANTHONY P. MELESKI, *Secretary*
FRANK McDONOUGH, *Associate Member*
THEODORE SINK, *Associate Member*

REPORT OF THE FIRE AND POLICE STATION COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Millis:

The Committee appointed by the Moderator under Article 38 of the 1956 Regular Town Meeting investigated numerous fire and police stations recently constructed by towns comparable to Millis in size, with the intent of reviewing and discussing their experience to help us form ideas of what was most adaptable to the specific needs of the Town of Millis.

The Committee determined as a result of its detailed study that the Town requires a one story building with an apparatus room 48'x80' with three 12' overhead doors and an adjoining wing 60'x36' containing the offices, cells and other rooms necessary for equipment, staffing and maintenance.

The Committee, having the above building dimensions in mind, sought locations which would be central and within the financial means of the Town. There are three lots, which in the opinion of the Committee merit consideration—two of which are already the property of the Town:

1. Adams School plot.
2. Plot the corner of Main Street and Auburn Road.
3. Plot adjacent to Telephone Building.

This data was presented to the architectural firm of Tekton Associates of Natick for preliminary plans and approximate costs. Three preliminary sketches were presented and the Committee selected that which it felt most adequately filled its physical needs at moderate costs.

The Committee recommends that the Town give thoughtful consideration to the building and to the needs of the two departments responsible for protection of life and property.

The great increase in town population and in home construction require a continually increasing demand for both fire and police services.

JOHN WARD, *Chairman*

CHARLES MANDELL

ARTHUR WATSON

LINDOL FRENCH

HORACE BALKAM

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report of Inspector of Plumbing for the year ending December 31, 1956.

In accordance with the Building Code adopted at the last annual town meeting, and effective in April of that year, 33 plumbing permits were issued. There were 27 inspections called for and approved.

I wish to thank the Selectmen, Mrs. Beryl Spencer, and the Building Inspector, Charles Mandell for their help and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH J. McCARTHY,

Inspector of Plumbing

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of Millis:

The Planning Board held regular monthly meetings discussing future plans for Millis and approving various locations for new home construction.

Several parcels of farming land were discussed as to possible rezoning for industrial use. The land suggested in many cases would be more suitable for certain types of industry rather than new homes due to its location and seasonal flooding characteristics. This will be reported in the warrant for the annual Town Meeting and explained more fully at that time.

A booklet containing all the Protective By-Laws, Rules governing the Subdivision of Land, and the recently adopted Building Code has been printed and can be obtained at the Town Office.

The Board after careful consideration suggests that the Town amend the Building By-Law by adding to it its Article XIII a new section 17 to read as follows:

1. If the water from the Town distribution system is not available or not used, the Board of Health, using the advice and professional knowledge of the Plumbing Inspector in accordance with their own requirements of sanitation and personal safety shall pass on the adequacy of the source of supply.
2.
 - a. Within 5 days of the completion of any building intended for human habitation, construction of which has met with the requirements of this By-Law, the Building Inspector and the Plumbing Inspector shall inform the Board of Health, who in turn, if requirements of that Board have been fulfilled, will issue a certificate of occupancy.
 - b. In cases of hardship or practical difficulties the Board of Appeals may as prescribed in Section 2 Article XII grant a temporary certificate good for not more than one year, pending compliance with existing regulations.
 - c. No dwelling shall be occupied until the certificate of occupancy has been issued.
3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Building By-Law by adding a new section 2 to Article V to read as follows: Foundation walls shall be not less than 10 inches thick.

Respectfully submitted, •

CHARLES V. S. PURDY, *Chairman*

TALBOT DEWEY, *Clerk*

ALEXANDER H. HARCOVITZ

JAMES R. McDONOUGH

HAROLD E. CURRAN

**REPORT OF THE WATER REGISTRAR
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1956**

Balance brought forward January 1, 1956 \$ 6,814.78

Water

Commitments first half	\$ 9,132.90	
Commitments second half	10,173.22	
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\$26,120.90

Cash receipts first half	\$ 9,156.39	
Cash receipts second half	9,752.59	
	<hr/>	\$18,908.98

Balance December 31, 1956 \$ 7,211.92

New Services, Labor and Material

Commitments first half	\$ 1,398.50	
Commitments second half	619.15	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,017.65

Cash receipts first half	\$ 740.73	
Cash receipts second half	623.28	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,364.01

Balance December 31, 1956 \$ 653.64

Respectfully submitted,

LENA M. ALLEN,

Water Registrar

REPORT OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens of Millis:

Submitted herewith is a summary of some of the regular maintenance and repair activities by the Millis Water Department during 1956:

Service calls	287
New services installed	71
New taps made	71
Services renewed	15
Snow removal from hydrants	3
Meters changed	11
Meters repaired	9
Old hydrants removed	3
Hydrants damaged by auto	1
New hydrants installed	4
(Complete with gate valve)	
Gate boxes raised to grade	27

As per instructions received by this department at the last annual town meeting, bids for water extensions authorized were solicited and received collectively as follows:

Dominic Di Pietro, Bellingham	\$1,450.00
J. Gavigan Corp., Canton	1,510.00
E. Susi & Williams Corp., Dedham	1,600.00
Consiglie Construction Co., Milford	2,110.00

Low bidder, Dominic Di Pietro was awarded the contract. Work was started June 19, 1956 and completed June 27, 1956.

160 feet of 6 inch cast iron water main was installed on Plain Street from Holbrook Square to the Railroad bridge and a fire hydrant was installed at the end of same.

90 feet of 6 inch cast iron water main was installed on Van Kleeck Road to relocate fire hydrant.

Upon the recommendation of the State Board of Health, a chlorinator was installed on the old well system, as a result of the high water seepage from the August 1955 flood. We have discussed with our engineers the problem of our old wells and the following is their recommendations:

"We respectfully call your attention to the fact that the large increase in population during the past few years in the Town of Millis will soon require that your Board consider the installation of an additional gravel-packed well to work in conjunction with the recently-constructed well to provide additional capacity. We believe that the time is quite short when the demand on the system during the peak summer periods will substantially exceed the output of the existing facilities. We believe that the contamination of the old wells necessitating the installation of chlorine in the supply taken from the old wells indicated that this source must soon be abandoned and that a new source is necessary. Accordingly, we recommend that your Board request an appropriation for test well explorations in the general vicinity of the existing well and other likely locations in the northern portions of the Town. It is rather difficult to estimate the amount of funds necessary for the installation of test well borings and pumping tests. We recommend that the Town appropriate the money for the estimated cost of the installation of test wells and engineering fees for this work, together with chemical and bacteriological analyses, in an effort to locate a suitable location for the construction of a second gravel well. We feel that it is important that the Town undertake the exploration phase at this time in order to locate a definite area, so that when the time comes for installation of a second well that it can be accomplished in the least possible time."

Water Pumped in 1956

	<i>Gallons</i>	<i>Rainfall</i>
January	7,845,000	8.16
February	7,414,000	4.63
March	8,918,000	5.85
April	7,745,000	3.10

May	9,332,000	1.66
June	13,494,000	2.19
July	13,425,000	4.32
August	15,586,900	2.15
September	9,838,000	5.24
October	9,815,100	3.06
November	8,542,000	3.89
December	7,512,000	5.78
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	119,466,000	

Greatest day—July 3 900,000 gallons

Greatest week—July 1-7 3,901,000 gallons

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL G. MIGHTON

ELWAYNE K. COLDWELL

JOSEPH T. CASSIDY

Water Commissioners

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Millis:

I herewith submit my report of the Police Department for the
year ending December 31, 1956.

Investigations and Prosecutions

Drunkenness	12
Larceny	11

Larceny by Check	8
Prowlers	9
Breaking and Entering	5
Recovered Property	3
Assault and Battery	5
Telephone Complaints	1048
Non-Support	6
Disturbing the Peace	4
Destruction of Property	10
Assault With a Deadly Weapon	1
Morals Charge	3
Molesting	3
Motor Vehicles—Endangering	6
Driving After Revocation	2
Driving After Suspension	2
Operating Without a License	4
Failing to Slow	7
No Inspection Sticker	3
Speeding	6
Driving Unregistered Vehicle	3
Driving Uninsured Vehicle	3
Driving Under the Influence	7
Violation of Parking Laws	55
Equipment Tags	49
Processes Served for Other Police Departments	69
Investigations for Other Police Departments	31
Lost Children	4
Committed to State Institutions	6
Returned to State Institutions	8
Cases at District Court of Western Norfolk	25
Cases at Superior Court in Dedham	3
Emergency Trips to Hospitals by Cruiser	14

Juvenile

Truancy	2
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Motor Vehicles

Violations Reported to the Registry	175
Accidents Investigated, Property Damage Only	62
Accidents Investigated, Personal Injury	28
Fatal	1
Pedestrian Accident	2
Bicycle Accident	3
Transfer of Motor Vehicle, 3rd Class Dealers	119
Transfer of Motor Vehicle, 2nd Class Dealers	126
Transfer of Motor Vehicle	249

Other Activites

During the night check of doors 148 were found open; also 11 windows.

During the summer vacation period, 171 property check slips were issued by the officers.

Sixty-three Pistol Permits were issued, one Pistol Permit was suspended and two Permits for the Purchase of Fire Arms were issued.

Since April 15, 1955 we have had twenty-four hour Police protection for the first time in Millis. This has resulted in great assistance to many citizens of the town after midnight. The two officers appointed by the Selectmen are doing very efficient work.

I want to compliment our Chief Dispatcher on the very efficient manner in which the main radio station is handled. Also, I wish to state that many other towns the size of Millis have adopted our Fire and Police Alarm System.

I would like to thank the men who have volunteered their services in the Auxiliary Police Unit for the number of hours they have donated in assisting the police at ball games, on traffic duty and at many affairs in the town.

The two regular and five special police officers join with me in thanking the Board of Selectmen, the Registry of Motor Vehicles and the Citizens for their cooperation during the year 1956.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE V. BALKAM,

Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE AGENT FOR THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of Millis:

Nine complaints were received in regard to cesspool and sewerage conditions throughout the town, which were taken care of by the owners concerned so that no action was necessary.

On all new homes where cesspools and septic tanks were completed, permits were issued by the Board of Health and were inspected and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE V. BALKAM,
Agent for Board of Health

REPORT OF THE FIELD DRIVER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Millis:

During the year 1956 eighteen complaints of stray animals were received, which includes ten horses and thirty-five cows.

Owners were notified and with the help of the Police Department the animals were returned. No damage to property was reported.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE V. BALKAM,
Field Driver

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
the Citizens of Millis:

I hereby submit my report covering the period of my appointment from June 1956 through December 1956:

Building Permits issued for new dwellings	30
Building Permits issued for additions, alterations, barns, garages, etc.	17
Building Permits issued for new business buildings	2
Building Permits issued for alterations or additions to business buildings	5
Building Permits issued for removals	1
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Total number of Building Permits issued June through December 1956	55
Estimated total cost of construction covered by above permits	\$374,060
Amount Received from Permit Fees	\$441.00
Building Inspector's Salary	350.00

Since this is a new office in town several small difficulties were encountered, most of which were due to the ambiguous building code under which we are operating. I hope that in the near future this situation will be remedied.

I would like to acknowledge the help I have received in getting this department operating, both from the Selectmen and the Board of Appeals.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. MANDELL,

Building Inspector

REPORT OF MOTHS SUPERINTENDENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of Millis:

The Elm Trees were sprayed in April for control of the Elm Bark Beetle, the carrier of the Dutch Elm Disease.

In July the Elm Trees were again sprayed for control of the Elm Leaf Beetle and other leaf eating insects.

The Aerial spray sponsored by the Board of Health in late August also greatly aided in the insect pest control program.

A scouting and testing of unhealthy Elm Trees disclosed forty public Elms afflicted with the Dutch Elm Disease. These have been practically all removed and burned. However, there still remains a small amount of work to finish up, owing to the late storms.

Some of the better Elm Trees were completely pruned and all breakage removed, both as means of safety and for control of the Dutch Elm Disease. Also a number of dead Elms were removed and burned, that had died from other causes.

All Elm Wood lying on the ground should be removed as early as possible in the Spring and in no event later than April 1.

A good portion of the roadside was sprayed for control of Poison Ivy in 1956.

There has been much new Legislation enacted for the Division of Insect pest control and Dutch Elm Disease for 1957.

I, as in the past, wish to thank the different departments and individuals who in any way assisted me in this work and especially the Highway Department for the use of their equipment and efficient cooperation in disposing of the diseased Elm Trees.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. SKARP,

Moth Superintendent

**REPORT OF
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

January 2, 1957

Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year of 1956.

18 Scales sealed, 3 not sealed and 1 condemned

45 Weights sealed

8 Liquid Measures sealed

12 Gasoline Pumps sealed

4 Grease Pumps sealed, 1 not sealed

Sealing fees in amount of \$36.90 collected and turned over to Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. WARD,

Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF SCHOOL LAND INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

This committee has completed its second year in operation and we strongly recommend that you support our two articles in the town warrant regarding the purchase of land for school use. The two plots of land involved are not tremendous in area but are vital to the future operation of the present school plant.

We do have some large tracts of land under study but it will take some time before any definite recommendations can be made. We might say, however, that the price of any good sized tract of land represents a considerable amount of money.

The committee sincerely regretted that it was necessary for Mr. William H. O'Brien to resign due to his relocation in another area.

We would like to thank the school committee for making their facilities available to us; Dr. George C. Roy, Superintendent of Schools, for his work in an advisory capacity; Mr. Millard B. LaCroix for his technical assistance and all others who assisted us in any way.

STUART M. KING, *Chairman*

GERTRUDE KENNEY, *Secretary*

EARL H. MERKLE

JANE T. ROBINSON

REPORT OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Millis:

On Monday, May 28, 1956 the bids for Contract No. 9 for the ditching and laying of an eight-inch sewer main with six-inch property line laterals extending the Millis Sewer System a distance of 1250 feet on Irving Street, were opened at the Town Office, and they were as follows:

	V.C. Tile Pipe	Asbestos Cement Pipe
Roslindale Construction Co., Roslindale, Mass.	\$14,860.00	\$16,020.00
Consigli Construction Co. Milford, Mass.	11,784.50	12,799.50
J. W. Construction Co., Inc., Dorchester, Mass.	14,975.00	17,775.00
A & S Construction Co., Hyde Park, Mass.	10,980.00	10,715.00
Dominic DiPietro & Son, Bellingham, Mass.	10,780.00	9,967.50
J. V. Abretti & Son, Milford, Mass.	11,876.50	11,556.50

The board voted to follow Mr. E. W. Ward Engineer's recommendation and award the contract to Dominic DiPietro & Son, they being the lowest bidder using Asbestos cement pipe. The work was started in June and was completed in late July.

A good portion of the Sewer bed sand filter overflow brook was cleared of brush and trees in 1956. However there still remains more to do on this project, especially in the immediate vicinity of the Sewer beds, which requires the use of dragline and pontoon equipment to overcome the sluggishness in this area.

An article is inserted in the Town Warrant for 1957 to divert the flow of the drainage ditch, fed by surface and factory surplus waters, to lead into the Sewer sand filter brook at the Sewer beds. This is needed to relieve a possible pollution at the Water Pumping Station Wells, and also to increase the volume of water, relieving to some extent the sluggish flow of the Sand Filter brook.

An article is also inserted in the Town Warrant for 1957 for a chain link fence to enclose the Sewer Settling Tank at the filter

beds. This article also has a double meaning, both as a means of safety and to eliminate further replanking.

Attention is called to the new rate of assessments levied to the abutters on new Sewer Extension enacted in 1956, of \$2.25 per foot of frontage, also the new Sewer Rental levied to the users of the Sewer System at the rate of 50% of the water bill.

All property owners wishing to connect to the Sewer must have a permit from the Sewer Commissioners and the contractor or person doing the job must be approved by the Sewer Commissioners. The job must be inspected by the Sewer Commissioners, all material used must also be approved by the board.

The entrance into the sanitary sewer for the purpose of water drainage other than sewerage is prohibited. All connections are subject to inspection by the Sewer Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. SKARP
GEORGE SARRIS
GEORGE DeANGELIS

Sewer Commissioners

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO ELIMINATE THE SMOKE AND ODOR NUISANCE IN EAST MILLIS

January 5, 1957

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of Millis

Gentlemen:

At the last Annual Meeting it was voted that the Moderator appoint a committee to continue to investigate the smoke and odor nuisance in East Millis Section of the Town.

Moderator King appointed the following committee: John Ellington, Chairman; John Ward and Arthur MacInnes.

Meetings, visits and conferences were made by this committee. The Ruberoid Co. have forwarded the following data as to their improvements.

"During 1956 the matter of fume control at the Millis plant of the RUBEROID Co. has been under examination both by Company engineers and by outside fume control specialists. These investigations indicate that the existing fume control equipment is operating at a fairly high degree of efficiency for its type. It is my understanding that this equipment was discussed by RUBEROID representatives with your committee at the time of its installation. Of the several new proposals received, each gives with it an accompanying problem not thus far overcome: increased fire hazard, sewerage disposal problem etc. Moreover, no proposal thus far submitted can guarantee a higher degree of efficiency than the present equipment.

We are making and will continue to make every reasonable effort to improve the situation, and will attempt to keep your committee informed of our progress."

(signed) W. E. GREIG,

Superintendent, Ruberoid Co.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN ELLINGTON, *Chairman*

JOHN WARD

ARTHUR MacINNES

REPORT OF WATER COMMITTEE UNDER ARTICLE 20

This is a report of your committee acting under vote taken on Article 20 at the last Annual Town Meeting.

We were to study the advisability of erecting a water tank on Park land at Rockville Corner and also other methods of obtaining a better supply of water for certain sections of the Town of Millis, due to increased use caused by extensive building in these areas and also give better fire protection.

The report of the recommended improvements in the Town of Millis water supply as outlined by Coffin & Richardson Inc., Consulting Engineers of Boston was carefully considered. Mr. Adams of Coffin & Richardson met with your committee and discussed the matter of erecting a water tank at Rockville Corner and also the installation of larger water mains on certain streets in this area to eliminate dead ends so as to supply a greater volume of water.

We were told that a water tank erected at Rockville Corner would not benefit Village Street beyond the intersection of Village and Plain Streets. Therefore Plain and Village Streets and the area including Forest Road and Spring Street would not receive any better water supply than they do now.

Your committee also inquired why nothing was considered in the survey on replacing that section of 4-inch main on Village Street off of Main Street and we were told that it was not considered as of any consequence or a detriment to the supply of water on Village Street. With this we cannot agree.

The estimated cost for erecting the water tank in 1955 was \$60,000, but the estimated cost at this time is \$70,000.

After studying the benefits of increased water supply to the Rockville and Plain and Village Street areas by the erection of a water tank at Rockville Corner and the benefits that would be received by the installation of larger mains and connecting dead

ends on certain streets, we feel that the Town would receive the greatest help from the latter over a much larger area for the amount of money expended.

The committee has voted unanimously not to erect a water tank at Rockville Corner on Park land at the present time.

We recommend the installation of a 10-inch main on Acorn Street from the intersection of Spencer and Farm Street to the existing main on Acorn Street and the completion of the water main on Spencer Street connecting with Pleasant Street.

To help Plain and Village Streets areas we recommend the completion of the existing water main on Spring Street through to Plain and Village Streets. To install an 8-inch main on Village Street to replace existing 4-inch main. Also, the existing water main on Munroe Street through the Town Park to the Clyde F. Brown School could be extended and connected with the 12-inch main on Main Street making another circuit into Plain Street at Forest Road.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL G. MIGHTON

JOSEPH T. CASSIDY

ELWAYNE K. COLDWELL

WILLIAM A. FLYNN

DEXTER M. GOULD

LLOYD C. KING

W. HAROLD SIMPSON

REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR PLANNING A MEMORIAL TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED SERVICES WHO SERVED IN WORLD WAR II

To the Citizens of Millis:

Under Article 64 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting on February 20, 1956, you voted to appropriate the sum of \$6000 for the use of this Committee in constructing a permanent memorial to the members of the Armed Services who served in World War II.

During the spring and summer, meetings were held with Chairman Lindahl presiding as a result of which the contract for the execution of a permanent memorial of Barre granite, into which would be cut the names of all the men and women of Millis who served in the Armed Services during World War II with special prominence to the names of those who gave their lives in our Country's service, was awarded to the Whitinsville Monumental Works of Whitinsville, Massachusetts.

The consent of the School Committee was obtained for the erection of the monument in front of the High School on Main Street and additional contracts were awarded for a flag pole, curbing, bluestone walks, grading and suitable landscaping to beautify the plot on which the Memorial was to be erected.

Dedication exercises were held on Monday, November 12, 1956 with a parade beginning at 10:30 A.M. The Line of March and the Program were as follows:

Line of March

Police Escort led by CHIEF HORACE V. BALKAM

Chief Marshall

LEONARD W. LINDAHL

Parade Staff

JAMES J. CLANCY

WILLIAM R. PORTER

Fourth Regimental Combat Team, Fort Devens

Detachment, First Naval District

Air Force Flight, Hanscom Air Force Base

26th Division Band, Massachusetts National Guard

101st Infantry Regiment, Massachusetts National Guard

26th Quartermaster Corps, Massachusetts National Guard

Speaker: Hon. Christian A. Herter, Jr.*Aides:* Gordon P. King, and Paul T. Clancy

Millis Drum and Bugle Corps

Veterans Organizations

Boy Scouts

Girl Scouts

School Children

Program

10:30 A.M.

Parade forms in East Millis

10:55 A.M.

Decoration of World War I Memorial, Legion Square
Prayer

11:05 A.M.

Parade re-forms, moves to World War II Memorial

Raising of National Colors

National Anthem by Band

Invocation—REV. DEXTER B. RICE

Dedication of Memorial

MORRIS MUSHNICK, *Chairman, Board of Selectmen*

Decoration of Monument

ANTHONY ROSATI, *Commander Millis Post No. 208*

Prayer—REV. WILLIAM KILPATRICK**Selection by Band****Dedicatory Address**

HON. CHRISTIAN A. HERTER, JR.

Benediction—REV. JOHN PARSONS***God Bless America*, by Band**

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation to the Townspeople for making this beautiful Memorial possible and also to the many who generously assisted the Committee in its work.

The Committee respectfully refers you to the Report of the Town Accountant for a summary of its financial transactions.

Respectfully submitted,

LEONARD W. LINDAHL, *Chairman*

GORDON P. KING, *Secretary*

DANIEL L. MURPHY

HUGH J. McCARTHY, JR.

SAMUEL J. HOWIE

JOSEPH G. JOHNSON

JAMES J. CLANCY

PAUL T. CLANCY

WILLIAM WRIGHT, JR.

PRESTON C. KING

PAUL V. DUHAMEL

EDWARD P. GAVIN

EDWARD WINIKER

GEORGE M. PAYSON

HENRY TIERNAN

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of Millis:

The Board of Public Welfare submits herewith their annual report for the year ending December 31, 1956.

GENERAL RELIEF

The case load for 1956 consisted of all unemployable cases.

Active cases January 1, 1956	10
Added during year	4
Closed during year	4
Active December 31, 1956	10

Financial Summary

Appropriation	\$ 9,500.00
Expenditure	8,683.00
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Balance unexpended	817.00
Reimbursements:	
Other Towns	\$284.00
State	181.55
Social Security	93.00
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	\$ 558.55

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Assistance under this category was granted to six cases during the year in accordance with the State Standards of Assistance, due to medical and hospital expenses over a prolonged period of time it has been necessary to ask for a transfer of funds from the Reserve Fund.

Status of Cases

Widows	2
Remarriage of parent (children only considered)	1
Separated (supplementing court checks)	2
Desertion	1

Financial Summary

Appropriation	\$ 6,000.00
Reimbursements:	
Federal Grants	3,103.44
Transfer Reserve Fund	515.49
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Total Available	\$ 9,618.93
Expenditure	9,618.93

Allocation of Costs

Payment to Recipients and in their behalf	9,618.93
Reimbursements:	
Federal Grants	\$3,103.44
State Share	3,166.46
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	6,269.90
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Millis Share	\$ 3,349.03

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Under this category sixty-four cases were aided during the year, thirteen cases were closed by death and transfers to other towns. This is reflected in the balance unexpended.

Cases active January 1, 1956	58
Cases added during the year	6
Cases closed during the year	13
Cases active December 31, 1956	51

Financial Summary

Appropriation	\$38,000.00
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Reimbursements: Federal Grants	22,375.85
Total available	60,375.85
Expenditure	56,031.13
Balance unexpended	\$ 4,344.72

Allocation of Costs

Payments to recipients and in their behalf	\$56,031.13
Reimbursements:	
Federal Grants	\$22,375.85
State Share	24,457.72
Other Towns	2,179.93
	<hr/> 49,013.50
Millis Share	7,017.63
Amounts receivable and outstanding	312.26

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Under this category four cases were aided during the year.

Cases active January 1, 1956	3
Cases added during the year	1
Cases active December 31, 1956	4

Financial Summary

Appropriation	\$ 3,000.00
Federal Grant Reimbursements	1,456.81
Total available	<hr/> 4,456.81
Expenditure	4,377.57
Balance unexpended	<hr/> \$ 79.24

Allocation of Costs

Expenditure	\$ 4,377.57
Reimbursements:	

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Federal Grants	\$1,456.81	
State Share	1,570.93	
	<hr/>	3,027.74
Millis Share		<hr/>
		\$ 1,349.83

ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation		\$ 2,800.00
Salary—Board of Public Welfare		350.00
Reimbursement: Federal Grants		1,809.01
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Total available		\$ 4,959.01
Expenditures:		
Board salaries	\$ 350.00	
Agent's salary	2,260.71	
Social Service Index	10.00	
Supplies and postage	100.41	
Telephone	109.75	
Travel	115.06	
Equipment	285.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,230.93
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Balance unexpended		\$ 1,728.08

Allocation of Costs

Expenditure		\$ 3,230.93
Reimbursements:		
Federal Grants	\$1,809.01	
State Share	45.11	
	<hr/>	1,854.12
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Millis Share		\$ 1,376.81

We wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Accountant, Town Treasurer and Chief Balkam and his assistants for all courtesies extended to our department during the year.

We wish also to thank the Visiting Nurse Association for their co-operation given through their nurses Miss Myrtle Coldwell, and her assistant Mrs. Helen Brodeur for the excellent care to several cases.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS J. CLANCY
ADAM CONSOLETTI

Board of Public Welfare

HARRY E. KING

Clerk of the Board

REPORT ON TOWN INSURANCE

To the Citizens of Millis:

In compliance with Section 8, Article 5 of the Town By-Laws, I hereby submit my report on the insurance policies in my possession as of December 31, 1956.

<i>Amount</i>	<i>Property Covered</i>	<i>Company</i>	<i>Expiration</i>
\$45,893.33	Fire Schedule	Penn. Fire Ins.	1-1-57
22,946.65	Fire Schedule	Fidelity-Phenix	1-1-57
22,946.65	Fire Schedule	Penn. Fire Ins.	1-1-57
45,893.33	Fire Schedule	Springfield Fire	1-1-57
45,893.33	Fire Schedule	Penn. Fire Ins.	1-1-58
22,946.65	Fire Schedule	Fidelity-Phenix	1-1-58
22,946.65	Fire Schedule	Penn. Fire Ins.	1-1-58
45,893.34	Fire Schedule	U.S. Fire	1-1-58
45,893.34	Fire Schedule	Penn. Fire Ins.	1-1-59
45,893.34	Fire Schedule	U.S. Fire	1-1-59
45,893.34	Fire Schedule	Norfolk & Dedham	1-1-59
45,893.34	Fire Schedule	Norfolk & Dedham	1-1-60
45,893.34	Fire Schedule	Travelers	1-1-60
45,893.34	Fire Schedule	Penn. Fire Ins.	1-1-60
45,893.34	Fire Schedule	Penn. Fire Ins.	1-1-61
22,946.65	Fire Schedule	Fidelity-Phenix	1-1-61

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22,946.65	Fire Schedule	Penn. Fire Ins.	1-1-61
45,893.33	Fire Schedule	U.S. Fire	1-1-61
10,000.00	Equip. in sewer pump house	Hartford Ins. Co.	3-10-57
5/10 limits	Comp. General Liability	Travelers	1-1-57
ACV	Fire, theft & collision on police car, school buses and highway tractor	Penn. Fire Ins.	1-1-57
ACV	Fire, theft & collision on highway trucks	Aetna Casualty	1-1-57
15/75 limits	Liability on school buses	London Guarantee	1-1-57
15/80 limits	Liability on police car	London Guarantee	1-1-57
15/80 limits	Liability on water truck	Lumbermens	1-1-57
	Workmen's Compensation	Travelers	1-1-57
\$15,585.00	Fire & Theft Fire trucks	Penn. Fire Ins.	1-1-57
15/30 limits	Liability on highway trucks	Aetna Casualty	1-1-57
15/30 limits	Liability on tractor	London Guarantee	1-1-57
	School sports medical	American Casualty	1-3-57
15/30 limits	Liability on fire trucks	Century Indemnity	1-1-57
	Fire Dept. Acc., employees	Commercial Casualty	3-10-57
\$7,000.00	Holdup—Clerk, Water Collec- tor, Tax Collector, Treasurer	Century Indemnity	1-1-57
\$10,000.00	High School and Elementary		
	School boilers	London Guarantee	9-15-57
ACV	Fire, theft & collision on water truck	Norfolk & Dedham	5-14-57

Respectfully submitted,

LEONARD W. LINDAHL,

Town Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1956

January 8, 1957

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of Millis:

Following is the report of the Office of Tax Collector for the
Year 1956:

1951 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX:

Dr.

Rescinded abatement	\$2.00	
	<hr/>	\$2.00

Cr.

Transferred to Cash Discrepancy Account, R. A. Roberts, Deputy	\$2.00	
	<hr/>	\$2.00

1953 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX:

Dr.

Outstanding January 1, 1956	\$131.30	
	<hr/>	\$131.30

Cr.

Paid to Treasurer	\$131.30	
	<hr/>	\$131.30

1954 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX:

Dr.

Outstanding January 1, 1956	\$134.83	
	<hr/>	\$134.83

Cr.

Abated	\$134.83	
	<hr/>	\$134.83

1954 REAL ESTATE TAX:

Dr.

Outstanding January 1, 1956	\$400.00	
	<hr/>	\$400.00

Cr.

Paid to Treasurer	\$5.00	
Tax Titles	395.00	
	<hr/>	\$400.00

1955 POLL TAX:

Dr.

Outstanding January 1, 1956	\$2.00	
	<hr/>	\$2.00

Cr.

Paid to Treasurer	\$2.00	
	<hr/>	\$2.00

1955 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX:

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Dr.

Outstanding January 1, 1956	\$3,309.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,309.00

Cr.

Paid to Treasurer	\$3,309.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,309.00

1955 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX:

Dr.

Outstanding January 1, 1956	\$6,377.44	
Committed in 1956	551.09	
Refunds	262.31	
	<hr/>	\$7,220.54

Cr.

Paid to Treasurer	\$6,339.63	
Abated	434.88	
Transferred to Cash Discrepancy Account, R. A. Roberts, Deputy	328.90	
Outstanding	117.43	
	<hr/>	\$7,220.54

1955 REAL ESTATE TAX:

Dr.

Outstanding January 1, 1956	\$20,936.90	
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Cr.

Paid to Treasurer	\$20,429.90	
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Abated	18.00	
Added to Tax Title Account	480.00	
Outstanding	9.00	
	<hr/>	\$20,936.90

1956 POLL TAX:

Dr.

Committed	\$1,952.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,952.00

Cr.

Paid to Treasurer	\$1,612.00	
Abated	338.00	
Outstanding	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,952.00

1956 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX:

Dr.

Committed	\$38,977.22	
Refunds	832.93	
	<hr/>	\$39,810.15

Cr.

Paid to Treasurer	\$30,144.17	
Abated	2,022.46	
Outstanding	7,643.52	
	<hr/>	\$39,810.15

1956 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX:

Dr.

Committed	\$25,369.08	
	<u> </u>	\$25,369.08

Cr.

Paid to Treasurer	\$20,821.68	
Outstanding	4,547.40	
	<u> </u>	\$25,369.08

1956 REAL ESTATE TAX:

Dr.

Committed	\$279,147.00	
Refunds	1,029.60	
	<u> </u>	\$280,176.60

Cr.

Paid to Treasurer	\$249,092.03	
Abated	10,787.70	
Added to Tax Titles	789.36	
Outstanding	19,507.51	
	<u> </u>	\$280,176.60

SEWER ASSESSMENT:

Dr.

Outstanding January 1, 1956	\$11,855.92	
Committed in 1956		
(including committed interest)	4,205.21	
	<u> </u>	\$16,061.13

Cr.

Paid to Treasurer	\$3,174.53	
Committed Interest Paid Treasurer	523.88	
Outstanding Committed Interest	174.82	
Outstanding	12,187.90	
	<hr/>	\$16,061.13

OTHER INCOME:

Interest	\$625.14	
Certificates of Municipal Liens and Betterment Releases	52.00	
Tax Taking Fees	3.55	
	<hr/>	\$680.69
Paid to Treasurer	\$680.69	
	<hr/>	\$680.69

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY S. HART,

Tax Collector

REPORT OF
TRUSTEES OF MILLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

RECEIPTS

Appropriation	\$2,000.00	
Dog tax refund	237.29	
George W. Woolvett Trust Fund interest	59.16	
Fines	126.10	
	<hr/>	\$2,452.55

EXPENDITURES

Librarians' salaries	\$774.67	
Books, magazines	874.98	
Postage, box rent	20.57	
Maintenance	179.95	
Supplies	476.28	
	<hr/>	\$2,326.45

Fine money turned over to Town Treasurer	\$126.10
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BERTHA L. SHEPARDSON

BETTY L. TEMPLE

MARGARET N. ROYCE

Trustees

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN TO THE TRUSTEES FOR 1956

Books and magazines circulated during year	12,362
Adult fiction	3,582
Adult non-fiction	1,182
Juvenile	3,834
Juvenile non-fiction	1,135
Junior High	577
Junior High non-fiction	136
Youth	466
Youth non-fiction	58
Magazines	1,392
Books borrowed from Division of Library Extension and elsewhere	56
Largest daily circulation	204
Average daily circulation	75
Adult borrowers	584
Juvenile borrowers	509

The Reading Club held from July 10 through August 18 for the school children through the sixth grade, resulted in an increase of 1288 books: 1,031 Juvenile fiction, 257 Juvenile non-fiction. These books were borrowed from the Division of Library Extension, Boston.

Starting April 4 and continuing through June 20, the Library was open from 2:00 to 4:00 every Wednesday, except Memorial Day, resulting in the output of 205 books.

SIBBEL PURDY,

Librarian

MILLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY**Calendar of Special Events—1956**

JANUARY: Four Saturday Story Hours with guest storytellers: Helen Clark, Rosine Vance, Parian Temple. 48 children in attendance.

Cub Scout pack under direction of Mrs. Mary Payson, attended a program at the Library conducted by the Trustees at which books of interest to Scouts were reviewed and the organization of the Library explained.

FEBRUARY: Four Saturday Story Hours with guest storytellers: Iris Howie, Rosemary Longo, Parian Temple. 40 children.

A second program for Cub Scout pack at the Library. Supervisor, Mrs. Gertrude Weinstein.

Trustee conference with Elementary School Principal Mr. Jackson to study book-buying plans to avoid duplication and to supplement juvenile collections at both the School and the Library.

MARCH: Two Story Hours conducted by Marjorie Sheehan. 20 children.

A third program for Cub Scout pack, Mrs. Robert McDonough supervising.

APRIL: A Trustee and Mrs. Marjorie Sheehan attended the South Worcester County Library Association meeting at Whitinsville.

MAY: A Trustee was a speaker on the PTA program to explain the Federal Library Services bill and the summer reading program.

JUNE: Assembly program at the Elementary School with two films supplied by the Library and a pep talk by a Trustee to interest the children in the summer reading club at the Library.

JULY: A special display of prize-winning essays in the American Legion contest.

MILLIS GLOBETROTTER . . . Summer reading club with the theme of "around-the-world-through-books" opened July 16. Pins inscribed, "Millis Reader Leader 1956" were awarded children who read four books, with certificates to be presented at the end of the six-weeks' summer term.

AUGUST: An unusual display of dolls from many foreign lands, from the collection of Mrs. A. K. Porter of Lexington, Mass.

A field trip to the Babson Institute was conducted for all children who participated in the reading club. The Millis School Committee very generously provided transportation for the 61 children and the 5 supervisors, including Mrs. Dalton and Mrs. Pierson.

SEPTEMBER: Two Trustees attended the annual meeting of the Mass. Library Trustees Association in Worcester, at which time one of our members was appointed program chairman of the State group for 1956-57.

Library and school officials met to work out plans for special Library programs for students at both the schools and at the Library.

OCTOBER: Assembly program conducted by the Trustees at the Elementary School at which certificates were presented to 86 children who read in the summer program at the Library.

Mrs. Marjorie Sheehan began ten-week course on reference aids offered in Framingham by State Library Extension Service.

NOVEMBER: Four Saturday Story Hours. Mrs. Sheehan. 65 children.

"THE BOOKWORM TURNS" . . . A skit written about the Library by Mrs. Priscilla Dewey was presented at an assembly program at the High School and also at the November PTA meet-

ing. Directed by M. Sheehan. members of the cast were John Fanning, Alan Hoarseley, Mary Judge, Wayne Kopeski, Priscilla Kopeski, Ann Maguire, Ann Power, Louis Rosen, Jenny Sink, Margaret Verderber, Donna Wilson.

Four new book racks for the Library obtained through the services of members of Mr. Richard Young's manual art class.

DECEMBER: Four Story Hours conducted by Mrs. Sheehan.

A handsome display of rare Christmas seals through the courtesy of Mr. Floyd Russell and a traditional creche, through the courtesy of Mrs. Stephen Paine.

The Trustees and the Library staff wish to thank the Millis Package Store and Dempsey's for the liberal donations of display material which were made throughout the year on many occasions. This effective material was an important aid in building Library displays.

CIVIL DEFENSE REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and the Citizens of Millis:

The Civil Defense Center is in the upper part of the Town offices, where we have telephone and radio connections with state, county and zone Civil Defense offices and officials.

Walter Hoar, Co-Director of Civil Defense, Harry King, in charge of Welfare and Special Services, Police Chief Horace Balkam, Fire Chief John Ward, and Selectmen Morris Mushnick, Ray Simpson and others have attended meetings called by state, county, zone and community officials during the year.

Five amateur radio operators are members of the Civil Defense organization and are prepared to assist in any emergency under the direction of the Radio Co-ordinator for our Civil Defense District. These radio operators meet every week at headquarters.

The Civil Defense Auxiliary Police Unit has been reorganized and is a well functioning organization. Through their efforts and with the help of other citizens, they have secured a fully equipped ambulance, which has seen limited service but will soon be in full operation for the benefit of Millis citizens.

The Civil Defense Auxiliary Firemen have been reorganized and are in training.

Recently, the regular Police and Auxiliary and regular Firemen and Auxiliary completed their First-Aid course under the direction of George Johnson, First-Aid Instructor for the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

A generator has been installed at Civil Defense headquarters so that complete service can be continued in case of disruption of electric power. Also, a siren has been installed on the Town building for Civil Defense use.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER HOAR and
RUDOLPH F. KING

Co-Directors of Civil Defense

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Millis:

The Cemetery Commissioners organized for 1956 with Walter Hoar as Chairman, Floyd Russell as Secretary and Rudolph F. King as Superintendent.

We are pleased to note that an increasing number of families are presenting money to the town in the form of cemetery trust funds so their cemetery lots will have perpetual care.

We are gratified with a continued and growing interest in the appearance of the cemetery by the townspeople, and we appreciate your cooperation. With your encouragement we will continue our plans for improvement in the appearance of Prospect Hill Cemetery, including historic Bear Hill, based on the sentiment that the final resting place of our loved ones and friends should be one of quiet natural beauty.

One of the outstanding events during the year 1956 was the dedication of a suitable memorial inscribed, "In Grateful Memory of Genevieve and Evan F. Richardson", who donated approximately 11½ acres of land to the town for cemetery purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER HOAR, *Chairman*

FLOYD RUSSELL, *Secretary*

RUDOLPH F. KING, *Superintendent*

REPORT OF THE SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of Millis:

The Swimming Pool Committee, having viewed and discussed many and various sites in detail and having acquired engineering services through Whitman and Howard, Inc., consider and recommend the South End Pond area for a swimming development. This has been done with due consideration to financial, natural and recreational possibilities and the over-all future potentialities.

This proposed swimming facility, based upon prevailing contractual prices amounts to \$65,000. With further investigation by this committee, we feel these costs can be substantially reduced by altering some features of the program to initiate this facility for earliest possible use by the townspeople.

A detailed report will be presented in brochure form with the Town Report incorporating our findings and recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD E. CURRAN, *Chairman*

BETTY A. CUSHMAN

JACOB J. ZALVAN

CHARLES G. ELLIS

RICHARD H. KNIGHT

C. LESLIE SIMPSON

JAMES H. HARTWELL

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of Millis:

The Board of Fire Engineers submit the following report for the year 1956:

Fire calls listed as follows:

MILLIS COMPANY

28 Grass Fires
24 Woods Fires
18 House and Barn Fires
5 Automobile Fires
10 House Duty Calls
2 Lost Children
3 Resuscitator Calls
16 Miscellaneous Calls

ROCKVILLE COMPANY

6 House Fires
8 Woods Fires
2 Grass Fires
1 Oil Burner Fire
1 Out-of-Town Aid—Norfolk

We are now housed in a building which is over one hundred years old and has become inadequate for our needs. We are very cramped for room with today's equipment. We also feel it is not good judgment to spend any money on the present building which is badly in need of repairs and also there is no room for expansion as land is limited.

We know the town is growing and we should be able to expand with it to give the best protection for life and property. We hope the townspeople will be in favor of building a new Police and Fire Station.

We wish to thank the Report Center, Police Department, Water Department and all others for their assistance during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN WARD
ARTHUR WATSON
MOODY RICHARDSON

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT**For the Year Ending December 31st, 1956**

To the Citizens of the Town of Millis:

The following is a report of the financial transactions of the Town of Millis for the year ending December 31st 1956.

I wish to thank all of the Town Officers and Citizens for their help and cooperation during the past year.

LAWRENCE J. REARDON,

Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

Wiring Permits	\$236.00
Building Permits	477.00
Cesspool Permits	282.00
Liquor Licenses	2,400.00
Bottling Permits	40.00
Victualer Licenses	14.00
Pistol Permits	32.50
Inn Holders License	10.00
Second Hand Auto License	30.00
Skeet Shoot License	10.00
Taxi License	2.00
Sign Permits	6.00
Sale of Maps	3.50
Milk License	10.50
Oleo License	1.00
Auctioneer License	3.00
Beer License	20.00

Peddlers License	2.00
Picnic License	10.00
Plumbing Permits	146.00
Funeral Directors License	10.00
Poll Taxes Current Year	1,612.00
Personal Property Tax Current Year	20,521.65
Property Taxes Current Year	249,092.05
Poll Taxes Previous Years	2.00
Personal Property Taxes Previous Years	3,309.00
Real Estate Taxes Previous Year	20,434.90
Old Age Assistance Administration Federal Govt.	1,375.91
Aid Dependent Children Administration Federal Govt.	309.56
Disability Assistance Administration Federal Govt.	123.24
Court Fines	30.00
Old Age Assistance Federal Government	22,375.65
Aid Dependent Children Federal Government	3,103.44
Disability Assistance Federal Government	1,456.61
State Aid to Highways Chapter 81	10,106.42
Withholding Tax	22,942.50
County Retirement	3,986.80
Temporary Loan	75,000.00
Sewer Loan	13,000.00
Water Loan	15,000.00
Reimbursement on Flood Damage	4,533.96
Reimbursement Hurricane Edna	131.55
Reimbursement Hurricane Carol	1,747.90
Interest on Trust Funds	513.51
School Aid Commonwealth of Massachusetts	16,000.00
Corporation Tax from State	23,862.25
School Cafeteria	19,455.40
School Athletics	706.35
Income Tax from State	27,872.19
Civil Defense from State	1,094.77
Machinery Account	2,244.00
Union Superintendency from State	1,866.67
Dog Tax from County	237.29
Dog Licenses Collected for County	864.40

Sewer Assessments	3,545.03
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1956	30,144.17
Motor Vehicle Previous Years	6,470.93
Welfare From State	45.00
Tax Title Redemptions	175.56
Sewer Interest	925.39
Water Rates	18,908.98
Water Miscellaneous	1,364.01
Health from State	260.71
Welfare from Other Cities and Towns	589.75
Old Age Assistance from State	24,451.72
Aid Dependent Children from State	2,879.37
Disability Assistance from State	1,626.04
Old Age Assistance Other Cities and Towns	2,176.93
Dental Clinic	173.50
Meal Tax from State	1,289.78
Planning Board	25.00
Sealer	40.30
Insurance	837.23
Appeal Board	70.00
Highway Aid from State Chapter 90	1,499.83
Highway Aid from County Chapter 90	1,499.83
Veterans Aid from State	407.25
Vocational Tuition from State	585.24
School Transportation from State	4,866.79
Library Fines	113.10
Sale of Material and Land	175.00
Premium on Bond	74.50
Tree Trimming	1,578.00
Cemetery Sale of Lots and Graves	605.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	425.00
Cemetery Burials	1,065.00
Returned Checks	391.51
Interest on Taxes	625.71
Betterment Releases	12.00
Certification of Liens	44.00
Tax Taking Liens	3.55

Library Trust Funds	20.73
Smith Hughes Barden Fund from State	250.00
Reimbursement on School Construction	7,014.29
Balance Forward from 1955	97,737.51
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	\$786,971.72

ASSESSORS' EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$1,100.00
Payments:		
Car Expense	\$ 125.00	
Clerk	600.00	
Assessors' Expense	105.00	
Printing, Postage, Forms	153.45	
Recording Deeds	114.53	
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Total Payments	\$1,098.28	
Balance to Revenue	1.72	
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		\$1,100.00

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation		\$6,000.00
Received from Federal Grants		3,103.44
Transferred from Reserve Fund		515.49
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		\$9,618.93
Payments:		
Cash Aid Paid	\$6,619.87	
Medical	2,999.06	
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Total Payments		\$9,618.93

AMERICAN LEGION POST 208

Appropriation	\$ 600.00
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Payments:

Paid to Post 208	\$ 600.00
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APPEAL BOARD

Appropriation	\$ 50.00
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Payments:

Printing	\$ 20.00
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Advertising	21.75
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Total Payments	\$ 41.75
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Balance to Revenue	8.25
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	\$ 50.00
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CEMETERIES

Appropriation	\$3,200.00
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Transferred from Lot and Grave Account	1,000.00
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Transferred from Reserve Fund	97.64
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	\$4,297.64
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Payments:

Labor	\$3,441.68
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Trucks	165.00
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Shrubs	102.00
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Equipment and Supplies	300.71
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Outside Labor	288.25
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Total Payments	\$4,297.64
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COUNTY PENSIONS

Appropriation	\$2,500.00
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Transferred from Surplus Cash	177.76
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	\$2,677.76
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Payments:

Paid to County Account of Pensions	\$2,677.76
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CIVIL DEFENSE

Appropriation	\$ 200.00
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Payments:

Telephone	\$ 111.30
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Equipment and Repairs	86.46
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Total Payments	\$ 197.76
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Balance to Revenue	2.24
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\$ 200.00

DEBT AND INTEREST

Appropriation	\$41,500.00
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Payments:

School Notes	\$20,000.00
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Water Notes	3,300.00
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Sewer Notes	8,000.00
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School Interest	6,720.00
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Water Interest	708.00
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Sewer Interest	1,760.00
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Temporary Loan Interest	791.88
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Certification of Notes	22.00
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Total	\$41,301.88
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Balance to Revenue	198.12
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\$41,500.00

TEMPORARY LOAN

Temporary Loan	\$75,000.00
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Loan Paid	75,000.00
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DENTAL HEALTH

Appropriation		\$1,000.00
Payments:		
Dentist	\$ 657.18	
Supplies	342.82	
	<hr/>	\$1,000.00

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Appropriation		\$3,000.00
Received from Federal Grants		1,456.81
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		\$4,456.81
Payments:		
Cash Aid Paid	\$1,374.33	
Medical	3,003.24	
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Total Payments	\$4,377.57	
Balance to Revenue Town Appropriation	79.24	
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		\$4,456.81

DUTCH ELM DISEASE

Appropriation		\$4,000.00
Payments:		
Labor	\$1,425.82	
Spraying and Tree Work	1,089.50	
Equipment	28.55	
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Total Payments	\$2,543.87	
Balance to Revenue	1,456.13	
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		\$4,000.00

ELECTION EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$ 550.00
Transferred from Surplus Cash		150.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		35.44
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		\$1,035.44
Payments:		
Printing	\$ 728.85	
All Other Expenses	306.59	
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Total Payments		\$1,035.44

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$8,433.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		137.12
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		\$8,570.12
Payments:		
Payrolls	\$4,115.50	
Equipment and Repairs	1,028.26	
Truck Repairs and Upkeep	920.70	
Supplies	159.50	
Fuel	798.70	
Electricity	317.73	
Telephone	361.53	
Building Repairs	58.80	
Printing and Postage	19.27	
Hose	771.13	
All Other	19.00	
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Total Payments		\$8,570.12

FIRE AND POLICE STATION PLANNING

Appropriation	\$ 300.00
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Payments:

Paid Engineers	\$ 150.00	
Balance Carried Forward to 1957	150.00	
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FLOOD DAMAGE

Federal Reimbursement	\$1,684.01
Raised by Taxation	3,171.56
State Reimbursement	1,945.80
State Reimbursement	924.15
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	\$7,725.52

Payments:

Overdraft 1955	\$3,171.56	
Labor	480.59	
Outside Labor	107.23	
Chlorinator	387.50	
Equipment and Supplies	417.66	
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Total Payments	\$4,564.54	
Balance to Revenue	3,160.98	
	<hr/>	\$7,725.52

FUNDED DEBT

Sewer Extension Loan 1950	\$84,000.00
Sewer Extension Loan 1953	1,000.00
Pumping Station Loan 1952	17,700.00
Water Extension Loan 1953	11,200.00
School Building Loan 1954	310,000.00
Sewer Extension Loan 1955	5,000.00
Sewer Extension Loan 1956	13,000.00
Water Extension Loan 1956	8,000.00
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Total Outstanding Debt	\$449,900.00

GARBAGE COLLECTION

Appropriation		\$2,200.00
Payments:		
Paid for Collection of Garbage	\$2,166.66	
Balance to Revenue	33.34	
	<hr/>	\$2,200.00

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$14,625.00
Payments:		
Expenses	\$ 525.07	
Wages	7,414.26	
Equipment and Repairs	2,250.42	
Supplies	528.08	
Sand and Gravel	542.73	
Traffic Beacons	10.00	
Electricity	11.13	
Surveying	364.83	
Lumber	68.75	
Machinery	706.50	
Outside Labor	242.63	
Freight and Express	3.10	
Asphalt and Tarvia	823.97	
Gas	327.36	
Pipe	791.67	
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Total Payments	\$14,610.50	
Balance to Revenue	14.50	
	<hr/>	\$14,625.00

HIGHWAY SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation	\$6,000.00
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Transferred from Surplus Cash	3,000.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	640.39	
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		\$9,640.39
Payments:		
Wages	\$4,995.83	
Sand	395.47	
Salt	686.50	
Equipment and Repairs	439.12	
Outside Labor Plowing	2,540.10	
Machinery	464.70	
Gas	118.67	
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Total Payments	\$9,640.39	
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		\$9,640.39

HIGHWAY STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation	\$6,070.00	
Payments:		
Cost of Street Lighting	\$5,805.94	
Balance to Revenue	264.06	
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		\$6,070.00

HIGHWAY CHAPTER 81

Appropriation	\$6,300.00	
State Share	11,550.00	
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		\$17,850.00
Payments:		
Labor	\$5,150.18	
Machinery	5,566.38	
Asphalt and Tar	5,312.18	
Sand and Gravel	934.68	

Pipe	811.18	
Grates and Frames	75.40	
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		17,850.00

HIGHWAY CHAPTER 90

Appropriation		\$1,500.00
State		1,500.00
County		1,500.00
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		\$4,500.00

Payments:		
Labor	\$ 490.18	
Machinery	973.50	
Tarvia and Asphalt	3,019.21	
Sand and Gravel	16.60	
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Total Payments	\$4,499.49	
Balance to Revenue	.17	
State Not Received	.17	
County Not Received	.17	
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		\$4,500.00

HIGHWAY MACHINERY ACCOUNT

Transferred From Machinery Fund		\$2,535.65
Payments:		
Truck Upkeep and Repairs	\$1,448.33	
Gas	1,068.09	
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Total Payments	\$2,516.42	
Balance Returned to Fund	19.23	
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		\$2,535.65

HIGHWAY LAND DAMAGE MAIN STREET

Appropriation	\$ 12.00
Payments:	
Land Damages Paid	\$ 12.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$3,000.00
Payments:		
Board and Care	\$ 544.50	
Medical	497.22	
Mosquito Spraying	1,455.00	
Expenses	323.87	
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Total Payments	\$2,820.59	
Balance to Revenue	179.41	
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		\$3,000.00

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Transferred from Reserve Fund	\$ 350.00
Payments:	
Paid Building Inspector	\$ 350.00

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Transferred from Reserve Fund	\$ 175.00
Payments:	
Paid Plumbing Inspector	\$ 175.00

INSURANCE

Appropriation	\$7,500.00
Payments:	
Paid for Insurance	\$7,434.51

Balance to Revenue	65.49	
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INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE

Appropriation		\$ 100.00
Payments:		
No Payments—Balance to Revenue		\$ 100.00

LEGAL EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$ 700.00
Payments:		
Legal Fees	\$ 314.45	
Balance to Revenue	385.55	
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LIBRARY

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Withdrawn From Trust Funds		20.73
Dog Tax From County		237.29
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		\$2,258.02
To Be Withdrawn From Trust Fund		89.16
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		\$2,347.18
Payments:		
Balance from 1955	\$ 20.73	
Librarian	435.04	
Assistant Librarians	339.63	
Janitors	132.00	
Books and Periodicals	1,003.65	
Dues	6.00	
Repairs	69.27	

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Equipment	227.50
Printing and Postage	14.57
All Other Expenses	98.79
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Total Payments	\$2,347.18

MOTH DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$1,300.00
Payments:		
Labor	\$ 135.39	
Spraying	549.00	
Gas	9.15	
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Total Payments	\$ 693.54	
Balance to Revenue	606.46	
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		\$1,300.00

MEMORIAL PARK

Appropriation		\$ 150.00
Payments:		
Labor	\$ 67.60	
Supplies	9.00	
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Total Payments	\$ 76.60	
Balance to Revenue	73.40	
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		\$ 150.00

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation		\$ 600.00
Payments:		
Music	\$ 342.00	
Printing	50.00	

Supplies	95.25	
Speaker	25.00	
All Other	55.35	
Total Payments	\$ 597.60	
Balance to Revenue	2.40	
		\$ 600.00

NURSE

Appropriation	\$2,500.00
Payments:	
Nurses' Salaries	\$2,500.00

NORFOLK COUNTY HOSPITAL

Amount Raised by Assessors	\$7,828.22
Amount to Be Raised in 1957	269.14
	\$7,597.76
Payments:	
Hospital Tax Paid	\$7,597.76

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Appropriation	\$38,000.00
Federal Reimbursements	22,375.85
	\$60,375.85
Payments:	
Cash Aid	\$38,997.29
Medical	16,400.23
Paid Other Cities and Towns	633.61
Total Payments	\$56,031.13

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Balance to Revenue Town Appropriation	4,344.72	
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	\$60,375.85	
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		\$60,375.85

PLANNING BOARD

Appropriation		\$ 500.00
Payments:		
Printing	\$ 224.00	
Hearing	5.00	
Advertising	108.59	
Dues	12.50	
Expense	3.08	
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Total Payments	\$ 353.17	
Balance to Revenue	146.83	
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		\$ 500.00

RESERVE FUND

Appropriation from Overlay Reserve		\$8,000.00
Transfers from Fund:		
Building Inspector	\$ 350.00	
Plumbing Inspector	175.00	
Aid Dependent Children	515.49	
Election Expenses	35.44	
Snow Removal	640.39	
Water Shortage	32.29	
Cemetery	97.64	
Fire Department	137.12	
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Total Transfers	\$1,983.37	
Balance to Overlay Reserve	6,016.63	
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		\$8,000.00

POLICE AND FIRE ALARM

Appropriation		\$10,000.00
Payments:		
Wages	\$9,381.00	
Repairs	123.48	
Advertising and Printing	42.50	
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Total Payments	\$9,546.98	
Balance to Revenue	453.02	
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		\$10,000.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$15,120.00
Payments:		
Chief's Salary	\$3,922.92	
Regular Officers' Salaries	4,500.00	
Special Officers' Pay	3,245.73	
Telephone	399.74	
Car Upkeep	606.09	
Gas	752.56	
Equipment and Repairs	798.76	
Uniforms	617.83	
Printing and Postage	43.15	
All Other Expense	123.53	
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Total Payments	\$15,010.31	
Balance to Revenue	109.69	
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		\$15,120.00

PARK DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$3,600.00
Payments:		
Wages	\$1,584.00	

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Equipment	365.86	
Loam and Gravel	109.00	
Supplies	77.33	
Fence	1,292.92	
Gas	14.70	
Advertising	24.75	
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Total Payments	\$3,468.56	
Balance to Revenue	131.44	
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		\$3,600.00

PARK POWER MOWER

Appropriation	\$1,000.00
Payments:	
Paid for Power Mower	\$1,000.00

REFUNDS

Real Estate Tax	\$1,029.60
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	1,095.25
Bottling License to State	10.00
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	\$2,134.84

REGISTRARS' EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$ 550.00
Payments:	
Wages	\$ 310.80
Printing and Forms	212.48
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Total Payments	\$ 523.28
Balance to Revenue	26.72
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	\$ 550.00

RETIREMENT NORFOLK COUNTY

Retirement Withheld from Wages		\$3,986.80
Paid to County	\$3,424.30	
To Be Paid to County	562.50	
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SCHOOL LAND INVESTIGATION

Appropriation	\$ 100.00
Payments:	
No Payments—Balance to Revenue	\$ 100.00

SCHOOL ADDITION COMMITTEE

Transferred from Surplus Cash	\$ 199.00
Payments:	
No Payments—Balance to Revenue	\$ 199.00

COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL SCHOOL

Transferred from Surplus Cash	\$ 199.00
Payments:	
No Payments—Balance to Revenue	\$ 199.00

SERVICE BOARD MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$ 150.00
Payments:	
Wages	\$ 78.00
Supplies and Equipment	69.61
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Total Payments	\$ 147.61
Balance to Revenue	2.39
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	\$ 150.00

SCHOOL TEACHERS SALARIES

Appropriation		\$120,702.00
Payments:		
Teachers' Salaries Paid	\$120,609.56	
Balance to Revenue	92.44	
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		\$120,702.00

SCHOOL OPERATING EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$58,400.00
Payments:		
Superintendent	\$3,428.87	
Clerical	2,280.00	
Printing and Postage	308.89	
Telephone	525.15	
Travel Expense	497.25	
All Other Expense	535.67	
Books	5,213.30	
Supplies	4,993.01	
Lumber	256.66	
Bus Upkeep	659.68	
Gas	1,020.33	
Janitors	11,548.07	
Fuel	4,987.91	
Electricity	4,497.85	
Repairs	4,954.75	
Janitors' Supplies	2,726.35	
Athletics	2,249.04	
Nurse	1,435.87	
Transportation	146.03	
Furnishings and Equipment	5,190.51	
Grounds	356.91	
Medical	535.48	
Freight and Express	5.56	
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Total Payments	\$58,353.14	

Balance to Revenue	46.86	
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VOCATIONAL TUITION

Appropriation		\$1,200.00
Payments:		
Tuition Paid	\$ 111.70	
Balance to Revenue	1,088.30	
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SCHOOL SUMMER RECREATIONAL PROGRAMME

Appropriation		\$ 600.00
Payments:		
Salaries	\$ 583.00	
Gasoline	17.00	
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ADULT EVENING PRACTICAL ARTS

Appropriation		\$ 450.00
Payments:		
Salaries	\$ 380.00	
Balance to Revenue	70.00	
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SCHOOL BUS

Appropriation		\$5,000.00
Payments:		
Paid for Bus	\$4,499.73	
Balance to Revenue	500.27	
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UNPAID TUITION 1955

Appropriation	\$ 4.20
Payments:	
Tuition Paid	\$ 4.20

SCHOOL WATER PIPE

Appropriation	\$ 650.00
Payments:	
Labor	\$ 132.00
Pipe and Fittings	246.68
Supplies	131.15
Outside Labor	28.00
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Total Payments	\$ 537.83
Balance to Revenue	112.17
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	\$ 650.00

SMITH HUGHES BARDEN FUND

Fund January 1st, 1956	\$ 100.00
Received for Fund in 1956	250.00
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	\$ 350.00
Payments:	
Salaries	\$ 90.00
Balance in Fund December 31st, 1956	260.00
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	\$ 350.00

SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Balance Forward from 1955	\$ 618.32
Cash Receipts for 1956	706.35
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Total Receipts	\$1,324.67

Payments:

Salaries	\$ 482.00
Transportation	186.40
Equipment and Supplies	208.14
Medical	11.00
Dues	10.00

Total Payments	\$ 897.54
Balance Carried to 1957	427.13

\$1,324.67

SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Balance from 1955	\$2,279.15
Cash Receipts for 1956	18,455.40
Town Appropriation	1,000.00

\$21,734.55

Payments:

Payrolls	\$4,918.00
Milk	5,938.88
Meat	1,908.37
Supplies	639.67
Food	4,458.52
Freight and Express	67.79
Bread	937.50
Ice Cream	1,339.47

Total Payments	\$20,208.20
Balance Forward to 1957	1,526.35

\$21,734.55

SIDEWALK PLEASANT STREET

Appropriation	\$3,500.00
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Payments:

Wages	\$1,403.10
Machinery	588.00
Sand and Gravel	204.54
Asphalt	369.57

Total Payments	\$2,565.21
Balance to Revenue	934.79

\$3,500.00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$ 50.00
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Payments:

Equipment	\$ 37.71
Balance to Revenue	12.29

 \$ 50.00

\$ 50.00

SWIMMING POOL PROJECT

Appropriation	\$ 750.00
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Payments:

Paid Engineers	\$ 650.00
Balance to Revenue	100.00

 \$ 750.00

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SKATING RINK IMPROVEMENT

Appropriation	\$ 400.00
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Payments:

Cost of Improvement	\$ 400.00
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SEWER MAINTENANCE

Transferred from Sewer Reserve Account		\$3,700.00
Payments:		
Superintendent	\$ 728.00	
Labor	748.00	
Upkeep of Filter Beds	751.80	
Pumps and Repairs	255.49	
Pipe	197.65	
All Other Expense	233.40	
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Total Payments	\$2,914.34	
Balance to Sewer Reserve Account	785.66	
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	\$3,700.00	
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		\$3,700.00

SEWER EXTENSION SPRING STREET

Balance in Account		\$1,124.71
Payments:		
Labor	\$ 144.00	
Machinery	256.00	
Transferred to Irving Street	406.85	
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Total Payments and Transfers	\$ 806.85	
Balance Reserved	317.86	
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		\$1,124.71

SEWER EXTENSION PLAIN STREET

Balance in Account	\$ 415.86
Transferred from 1953 Extension	713.79
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	\$1,129.15

Payments:

Recording Deeds	\$ 18.00
Outside Labor	50.80
Engineer	714.74
Contractor	345.61

Total Payments	\$1,129.15
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SEWER EXTENSION IRVING STREET

Transferred from 1953 Sewer Extension Balance	\$ 93.15
Transferred from Spring Street Balance	406.85
Appropriation	1,500.00
Borrowed on Notes	13,000.00
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	\$15,000.00

Payments:

Deeds	\$ 12.84
Expense	40.00
Contractor	8,750.21
Engineer	890.15
Advertising	19.50

Total Payments	\$9,712.70
Balance Reserved	5,287.30

\$15,000.00

TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS PAID

County Tax	\$8,024.64
Smoke Inspection—State	42.41
Mosquito Control—State	1,708.00
State Audit—State	1,749.23
State Parks—State	734.03

Total	\$12,258.31
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WITHHOLDING TAX

Taxes Withheld from Wages	\$22,942.50
Paid Federal Government	20,408.25
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Balance to Be Paid in January	\$2,534.25

TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

Trust Funds		\$57,172.82
Funds:		
Cemetery General Care Fund	\$5,642.77	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	12,056.82	
Emerson Library Fund	267.82	
Woolvett Library Fund	2,929.31	
Stabilization Fund	36,276.10	
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	\$54,172.82	
	\$57,172.82	
		\$57,172.82

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Appropriation	\$9,225.00
Transferred from Surplus Revenue	137.01
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	\$9,362.01
Payments:	
Selectmen	\$ 600.00
Accountant	1,000.00
Treasurer	800.00
Tax Collector	1,200.00
Assessors	900.00
Town Clerk	500.00
Election Officers	650.00
Election Officers	137.01
Registrars	45.00

Planning Board	250.00	
Appeal Board	150.00	
Dog Officer	100.00	
Fire Commissioners	300.00	
Wire Inspector	100.00	
Sealer	50.00	
Slaughter Inspector	480.00	
Animal Inspector	150.00	
Milk Inspector	50.00	
Sewer Commissioners	200.00	
Welfare Board	350.00	
School Committee	500.00	
Water Commissioners	300.00	
Water Registrar	400.00	
Park Commissioners	150.00	
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Total Salaries Paid	\$9,362.01	
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		\$9,362.01

TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$ 400.00
Payments:		
Printing and Postage	\$ 49.30	
Clerical	110.00	
Fees and Expenses	238.40	
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Total Payments	\$ 397.70	
Balance to Revenue	2.30	
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		\$ 400.00

TOWN TREASURER'S EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$ 350.00
Payments:		
Printing and Postage	\$ 216.22	

Clerical	33.00	
Furnishings	75.00	
All Other	16.40	
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Total Payments	\$ 340.62	
Balance to Revenue	9.38	
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		\$ 350.00

TOWN TREASURER'S TAX TAKING EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$ 500.00
Payments:		
Cost of Tax Takings	\$ 40.61	
Balance to Revenue	459.39	
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		\$ 500.00

TAX TAKING UNPAID BILL 1955

Appropriation	\$ 872.99
Payments:	
Paid for Tax Takings 1955	\$ 872.99

TAX COLLECTOR'S EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$ 800.00
Payments:	
Printing and Postage	\$ 359.22
Safe	185.00
Recording Deeds	87.00
Collector's Expense	149.06
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Total Payments	\$ 780.28
Balance to Revenue	19.72
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	\$ 800.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S TAX TAKING EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$ 200.00
Payments:		
Cost of Tax Takings	21.46	
Balance to Revenue	178.54	
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TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$ 150.00
Payments:		
Printing and Postage and Stationery	\$ 61.02	
Telephone	17.21	
All Other Expense	59.75	
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Total Payments	\$ 137.98	
Balance to Revenue	12.02	
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TOWN REPORTS

Appropriation	\$1,558.57
Payments:	
Cost of Printing Town Reports	\$1,558.57

TOWN OFFICE CLERK

Appropriation	\$2,600.00
Payments:	
Paid Salary of Clerk	\$2,600.00

TOWN OFFICE JANITOR

Appropriation	\$ 200.00
Payments:	
Salary of Janitor Paid	\$ 200.00

TOWN OFFICE GENERATOR

Appropriation	\$1,500.00
Payments:	
Paid for Generator	\$1,500.00

TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$2,900.00
Payments:		
Printing and Postage	\$ 291.11	
Telephone	169.00	
Fuel	767.43	
Electricity	386.41	
Janitor's Supplies	38.55	
Repairs	682.70	
Advertising	124.56	
Supplies	158.50	
All Other Expenses	231.58	
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Total Payments	\$2,849.84	
Balance to Revenue	50.16	
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		\$2,900.00

TREE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$1,700.00
Payments:		
Wages	\$1,221.88	
Trucks	438.50	
Supplies	39.37	
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Total Payments	\$1,699.75	
Balance to Revenue	.25	
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		\$1,700.00

TREE TRIMMING

Collected from Tree Trimming Co.	\$1,222.00
Payments:	
Wages Paid	\$1,222.00

TOWN CLOCK

Appropriation	\$ 100.00
Payments:	
Repairs to Clock	\$ 30.00
Balance to Revenue	70.00
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	\$ 100.00

UNPAID BILLS FROM 1955

Transferred from Sewer Reserve	\$ 237.78
Payments:	
Labor	\$ 36.23
Supplies	201.55
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Total Payments	\$ 237.78
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	\$ 237.78

PARK DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$ 146.00
Payments:	
Repairs	\$ 146.00

VETERAN'S AGENT

Appropriation	\$1,250.00
Payments:	
Salary	\$ 777.55

Expenses	472.45	
Total Payments	<u>\$1,250.00</u>	
		\$1,250.00

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Appropriation		\$2,500.00
Payments:		
Cash Aid	\$1,265.00	
Food	50.00	
Board and Care	191.29	
Total Payments	<u>\$1,506.29</u>	
Balance to Revenue	993.71	
	<u>\$2,500.00</u>	
		\$2,500.00

WORLD WAR MEMORIAL

Appropriation		\$6,000.00
Payments:		
Deeds	\$ 12.00	
Surveyor	150.00	
Advertising	13.50	
Curbing	548.98	
Outside Labor	1,201.00	
Sand and Gravel	48.73	
Asphalt	31.00	
Monument	2,960.00	
Music	200.00	
Transportation	70.00	
All Other	554.06	
Labor	179.00	
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Total Payments	\$5,968.27	
Balance to Revenue	31.73	
	<hr/>	\$6,000.00

WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$9,500.00
Payments:		
Paid Other Cities and Towns	\$1,146.50	
Medical	2,383.09	
Cash Aid	4,669.00	
Fuel	281.41	
Burial	128.00	
Food	75.00	
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Total Payments	\$8,683.00	
Balance to Revenue	817.00	
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	\$9,500.00	
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		\$9,500.00

WELFARE AGENT'S SALARY AND EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$2,800.00
Received from Federal Grants		1,809.01
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		\$4,609.01
Payments:		
Salary	\$2,226.36	
Expenses	244.51	
Printing and Postage	125.06	
Equipment	285.00	
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Total Payments	\$2,880.93	
Balance to Revenue Town Appropriation	1,728.08	
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		\$4,609.01

WATER DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$16,000.00
Payments:		
Telephone	\$ 204.74	
Printing and Postage	131.68	
Labor	2,226.60	
Operation of Truck	400.83	
Pipe and Fittings	4,094.41	
Equipment and Supplies	897.22	
Engineer's Salary	3,975.00	
Fuel and Light	3,095.88	
Repairs to Pumping Station	134.32	
Freight and Express	8.78	
Outside Labor	190.85	
Meters and Repairs	71.60	
Highway Patching	194.49	
Stand Pipe	124.00	
All Other	45.19	
Total Payments	\$15,795.59	
Balance to Revenue	204.41	
		\$16,000.00

WATER REGISTRARS' EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$ 150.00
Payments:		
Printing and Postage	\$ 39.22	
Equipment	110.78	
Total Payments		\$ 150.00

UNPAID WATER BILLS FOR 1955

Appropriation	\$ 648.05
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Payments:

Outside Labor	\$ 514.80	
Balance to Revenue	133.25	
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FIRE LOSS PUMPING STATION

Insurance Received	\$ 74.68
Payments:	
Paid for Repairs	\$ 74.68

NEW WATER TANK

Appropriation	\$1,500.00
Payments:	
Paid for Engineers	\$ 885.00
Balance Reserved	615.00
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	\$1,500.00

MAIN STREET WATER EXTENSION

Balance Carried from 1955	\$1,321.08
Payments:	
Payrolls	\$ 40.91
Patching Roadway	43.49
Outside Labor	32.55
Pipe	889.18
Contractor	296.25
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Total Payments	\$1,302.38
Balance to Revenue	18.70
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	\$1,321.08

WALNUT, RIDGE, MIDDLESEX STREETS
WATER EXTENSION

Water Loan		\$18,000.00
Payments:		
Overexpended 1955	\$ 792.53	
Contractor	5,976.38	
Pipe	62.00	
Labor	279.25	
Outside Labor	479.20	
Note and Interest Paid	10,225.00	
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Total Payments	\$17,814.36	
Balance Reserved	185.64	
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		\$18,000.00

SPENCER STREET WATER EXTENSION

Appropriation		\$2,900.00
Payments:		
Advertising	\$ 27.00	
Labor	20.00	
Pipe and Fittings	1,509.46	
Contractor	1,305.00	
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Total Payments	\$2,861.46	
Balance to Revenue	38.54	
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		\$2,900.00

FARM AND ACORN STREETS
WATER EXTENSION

Appropriation		\$2,100.00
Payments:		
Engineer	\$ 168.69	

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Contractor	170.00	
Pipe and Fittings	1,731.22	
Advertising	29.25	
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Total Payments	\$2,099.16	
Balance to Revenue	.84	
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		\$2,100.00

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31st, 1956

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Cash	\$109,107.19	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Revenue	
Cemetery Lot	1,528.20	Reserved until collected	\$7,760.95
100th Anniversary Fund		Tax Title Revenue Reserved until collected	4,559.49
Real Estate Tax 1955	9.00	Water Revenue Reserved until collected	7,871.56
Poll Tax 1956	2.00	Sewer Assessments Reserved until	
Personal Property Tax 1956	4,547.40	collected	12,698.17
Real Estate Tax 1956	19,507.51	State and County Aid to Highways	7,950.38
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1955	117.43	Overlay 1955	245.00
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1956	7,643.52	Overlay 1956	1,033.60
Tax Titles	2,807.47	Overlay Surplus	7,041.30
Tax Possessions	1,772.02	Road Rate Overpayment	100.00
Water Rate	7,217.92	Tax Title Overpayments	686.06
Water Miscellaneous	653.64	100th Anniversary Fund	841.16
Sewer Assessments	12,189.58	Smith Hughes Barden Fund	260.00
Sewer Interest	189.70	Cemetery Perpetual Care Income	548.26
County Assessments	57.00	Cemetery General Care Income	1,404.43
Sewer Maintenance	261.00	Cemetery Burial	1,285.00
State Aid to Highways	7,000.21	Cemetery Lots	1,362.65
County Aid to Highways	.17	Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds Received,	
Tax Collector's Petty Cash	35.00	in 1956	425.00
State Parks	304.76	Road Machinery Fund	2,263.23
Mosquito Control	1,708.00	Water License Collected for County	309.00
County Tax	646.38	Tax Collectors Petty Cash	35.00
Loan Authorized	59,000.00	County Retirement	662.50

200 14	Withholding Tax	2,534.25
30 16	Leaves Authorized Not Used	59,000.00
	Over Receipts Received	5,333.87
	Town Office Renovations	75.20
	Fire Station Insurance	2,826.49
	Fire Station Planning	150.00
	Spring Street Sewer Extension	317.86
	Spring Street Sewer Extension	5,287.30
	Acorn Street Land Damages	533.00
	Reserve Fund	6,016.63
	Acorn Street Water Extension	18.70
	Walnut-Ridge-Middlesex Streets	
	Water Extension	185.64
	New School Building	46.59
	School Cafeteria	1,526.35
	School Athletics	427.13
	Hurricane Loss	175.30
	Highway Chapter 90	.51
	Surplus Revenue	94,736.89
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		\$238,434.45

\$238,434.45

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of Millis:

At the regular meeting held on February 16, 1956 the Board of Selectmen organized with Mr. Morris C. Mushnick, Chairman and Mr. Raymond E. Simpson, Clerk.

Regular meetings were held on the first and third Thursdays of each month, plus 6 hearings and 5 special meetings.

The Board of Selectmen petitioned the General Court of Massachusetts for authority to combine the offices of Town Clerk, Town Treasurer and Tax Collector, as voted under Article 46 of the 1956 Town Warrant. This petition was denied by the court on the grounds that it reduced the number of elected officers.

Fire and Police Alarm Office

There were 117 Emergency Calls received at the Fire and Police Alarm Office during the year 1956. This figure includes accident calls, fire calls, calls for emergency trips to hospitals by ambulance or cruiser, reports of lost children, calls for oxygen and emergency messages delivered to residents without telephone service.

Many General Business Calls for the Police Department are received daily. Two-way radio communication is carried on between this office and the Police Cruiser, three Fire Trucks and Ambulance; also with the Police Departments of a number of neighboring towns. Messages are taken for the Visiting Nurse and "Air Defense Warning Test Calls" are recorded each day for Civilian Defense.

Streets and Highways

Roads needing surface treatment were given a coat of asphalt and sand. A section of both Ridge and Walnut Streets were graded and a hard surface was applied. A mixed-in-place wearing surface of

two to four inches was applied to sections of both Middlesex and Ridge Streets. A hot-top surface was applied to sections of both Main and Orchard Streets.

Five hundred and twenty-five feet of drainage pipe and necessary catch basins and manholes were installed on Exchange Street. Leach basins were put in on Spring, Plain and Ridge Streets.

At this time we wish to thank Mr. Francis Gray for allowing the Town to move back a section of his stone wall to eliminate a bad curve on Orchard Street.

LaCroix's Corner was widened and a 400 foot hot-top sidewalk was rebuilt on Main Street. A gravel sidewalk with asphalt and sand surface was built on Pleasant Street from LaCroix's Corner to land of Stanley Roche.

During the many ice storms which occurred from November 1st until the middle of December it was necessary for the Highway Department to use 700 tons of sand and 35 tons of salt on the icy roads.

The skating rink and adjoining parking space have both been enlarged. The Highway Department has no equipment to maintain the skating rink.

Licenses and Permits Issued

- 1 Antique and Secondhand
- 2 Auctioneer
- 1 Bakery
- 1 Bowling
- 1 Bottling
- 82 Building
- 127 Cesspool
- 12 Common Victualler
- 1 Common Victualler—All Alcoholic
- 1 Firearms
- 1 Funeral
- 1 Hawkers' and Peddlers' License

- 3 Inn Holders
- 3 Junk
- 5 One-Day—Beer and Wine
- 2 Outing
- 1 Poultry Slaughter
- 2 Retail Package Goods Store
- 3 Second Hand Auto Licenses
- 2 Skeet Shoot
- 1 Slaughter
- 8 Sunday
- 1 Tavern
- 2 Taxi
- 131 Wiring Permits

We wish to take this opportunity to thank all the various departments, Mr. Lawrence J. Reardon, Town Accountant, and all citizens of Millis for the excellent cooperation and efforts given in this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MORRIS C. MUSHNICK, *Chairman*

RAYMOND E. SIMPSON, *Clerk*

MICHAEL E. COLLINS

Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of Millis:

Your Committee would like to thank the townspeople who participated in and attended the Memorial Day exercises in properly honoring the deceased veterans of Millis.

Financial Report

Appropriation		\$600.00
Expenses:		
Bands	\$342.00	
Flags	95.25	
Printing	50.00	
Refreshments	45.00	
Speaker	25.00	
Ice Cream	35.10	
Post No. 208 A. L.	5.25	
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	\$597.60	
Balance to Revenue	2.40	
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		\$600.00

Respectfully submitted,

H. MAYNARD GOULD,

Chairman

Committee

ANTHONY ROSATI
MERLE BROWNE
JAMES TABARANI
ARTHUR THORNE
JOSEPH JOHNSON
PHILIP GAVIN, JR.
THOMAS SMITH

WARREN MACINNES
JAMES ACKROYD, JR.
DANIEL MURPHY
LEONARD LINDAHL
SEYMOUR DOLINER
ANTHONY BANDO

REPORT OF SIDEWALK COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The undersigned were appointed by the Moderator under Article 77, Annual Town Meeting 1956, to investigate the needs and feasibilities of sidewalks on Forest Road and Plain Street. Our findings and recommendations are as follows:

FOREST ROAD The need for a sidewalk on this street is becoming increasingly evident, as many residents of Village Street, as well as Forest Road, use it to go downtown, and a great number of school children use it daily. However, we feel before any construction is undertaken, some relocation of the street should take place. Drainage also presents a problem, but it is felt this may be corrected by adequate leach basins. It is recommended that the Selectmen consider these projects for the near future.

PLAIN STREET This street has been most active in post-war building and is well travelled by through traffic, as it is a State Highway. It is the opinion of the committee that while a sidewalk that goes the entire length of the street is desirable, the Town should not undertake any construction on the westerly side of this street

in the near future. Some consideration should be given to eliminating the crossovers that now exist in two places on the street.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND E. SIMPSON, *Chairman*

THOMAS W. PROE

WILLIAM F. CUNNINGHAM

MANUEL H. ROSEN

JAMES J. CLANCY

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Millis:

The Board of Health received 127 cesspool and septic tank applications. However, 16 of these applications were not accepted. Of the 111 remaining applications approximately 45 were approved.

Following are contagious diseases reported to us by doctors:

- 1 Chicken-pox
- 1 Encephalitis
- 2 German Measles
- 1 Infectious Hepatitis
- 3 Scarlet Fever

Polio Clinics

Completion of First Polio Program:

March and April	112 Children received second injection
	23 Children received first injection

1-15-Year-Olds

April	649 Children received first injection
	1 Child received second injection
July	10 Children received first injection

	636 Children received second injection
November	6 Children received second injection

15-19-Year-Olds

November	27 Children received first injection
	3 Children received second injection
December	28 Children received second injection
	2 Children received first injection

Total number of children who completed

Board of Health Clinic Series		785
(1- 4-year-olds)	268	
(5-20-year-olds)	517	
Clinics held	11	

Diphtheria - Whooping Cough - Tetanus

Clinics held	3
Initial Series	16 Children
Boosters	110 Children

The following ruling has been adopted on applications for cess-pools and septic tanks:

Apply at the Town Office for an application and pay the \$2.00 fee, after which you will receive an unsigned permit which will have the following information stamped on it:

1. Do not back-fill until inspected
2. Present this permit on inspection
3. Permit will be signed when approved

Respectfully submitted,

MORRIS C. MUSHNICK,
Chairman

RAYMOND E. SIMPSON
MICHAEL E. COLLINS

Millis Board of Health

REPORT OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of Millis:

We hereby submit our annual report of the Park Department.

The year 1956 was indeed a busy one for the Park Department. Parents and children both received a great deal of pleasure from the children's play area after it was moved to a new and safer location and new equipment was added.

The new tennis courts were also used quite often. There is more to be done to them and the area around them which will make playing conditions much more pleasant.

The baseball field was kept in excellent condition throughout the entire season. This was difficult as it has been many years since the diamond has been turned over and recut.

Due to the increment in the population of the Town and more frequent use of the Park, routine maintenance has increased immensely.

Early in the spring it was brought to the attention of the Park Department that an area was needed for a Little League baseball diamond. In order for this activity to materialize in the Town of Millis, the Park Department approved of and helped to construct an area within the Town Park. This turned out to be a great success.

Next year we have to continue the progress of making the Millis Town Park a well kept and furnished place of recreation. We have tried to fulfill our program for this year to the fullest extent of our budget and hope that we may serve the people of Millis to our very best in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

SEYMOUR DOLINER, *Chairman*
GEORGE W. DUHAMEL, *Supt.*
ROBERT N. LESLIE, *Rec. Secy.*

JURY LIST — 1956 - 1957

Aalto, Tauno	Electrician
Bartony, John P.	Supervisor
Blackett, Arthur B.	Real Estate Manager
Brown, Bernard	Mill Worker
Browne, Merle A.	Retired
Casey, Eddy J.	Painter
Clancy, Christopher C.	Realtor
Clancy, James J.	Salesman
Clancy, John H.	Paint Mixer
Clark, Nesbit, Sr.	Farmer
Gibbs, Henry L.	Sales Manager
Harcovitz, John	Poultry Dealer
Lipsett, John E.	Truck Driver
Main, Edgar A.	Druggist
Mallette, William G.	Assistant Manager, Insurance
O'Rourke, John Francis	Buyer
Porter, Francis H.	Wool Card Operator
Porter, William R., Jr.	Auto Claim Supervisor
Price, Hyman	Carpenter
Rice, Woodworth J.	Retired
Rosenfeld, Nathan	Butcher
Simmons, Joseph M.	Rate Clerk
Smith, George Joseph	Millworker
Tiernan, Marcus	Laborer
Willinski, John J.	Manager — Gas Station

Annual Report

of the

School Committee

and

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Town of Millis

for the

FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1956



CLYDE F. BROWN SCHOOL



MILLIS JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Earl H. Merkle, Chairman	Term Expires 1957
Residence, Plain Street	
Frederick J. Welch, Recording Secretary	Term Expires 1958
Residence, Exchange Street	
Robert W. McDonough, Financial Secretary	Term Expires 1958
Residence, Main Street	
Priscilla B. Dewey	Term Expires 1957
Residence, Orchard Street	
Hugh I. McCarthy	Term Expires 1959
Residence, Irving Street	

Regular meeting held second Wednesday of each month
at 7:30 P.M. in the High School Building

Superintendent of Schools**DR. GEORGE C. ROY**

Residence, Exchange Street, Millis	Tel. Frontier 6-2939
Office, Millis High School	Tel. Frontier 6-2912

Secretary of the School Department**DOROTHY THUMITH**

Office, Millis High School	Tel. Frontier 6-2912
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High School Principal**CLYDE F. BROWN****Assistant High School Principal****HENRY M. DOYLE****Elementary Principal****NATALENE J. TAVALONE****Assistant Elementary Principal****JULIUS M. WINER****School Physician****JACOB ZALVAN, M.D.**

School Nurse

MYRTLE A. COLDWELL, R.N.

Custodians

ARTHUR WATSON JAMES TABARANI JOSEPH JOHNSON

Attendance Officer

ARTHUR WATSON

SCHOOL CENSUS**October 1, 1956**

	4-6	7-16	Over 16	Total
Boys	100	298	16	414
Girls	94	286	10	390
Total	194	584	26	804
Public School	191	561	22	774
Private	1	16	1	18
Vocational		2		2
Other	1	4	2	7
Special	1	1	1	3
Total	194	584	26	804

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1956 - 1957

Fall Term began	September 5, 1956
Closed	December 21, 1956
Winter Term Began	January 2, 1957
Closes	February 15, 1957
Early Spring Term Begins	February 25, 1957
Closes	April 26, 1957
Late Spring Term Begins	May 6, 1957
Closes (High School closes when 180 days have been completed. Elementary to be determined.)	June 21, 1957

Daily Sessions

Kindergarten—Morning Session	9:00 - 11:40
Afternoon Session	12:15 - 2:15
Grades one through five	8:50 - 2:30
Classes housed in Elementary School building	
Grades five through twelve	8:10 - 1:45
Classes housed in High School building	

Holidays

October 12	Columbus Day
October 26	Teachers' Convention
November 12	Armistice Day
November 22-23	Thanksgiving Recess
April 19	Good Friday
May 30	Memorial Day

NO SCHOOL SIGNALS

When schools are cancelled, decisions have to be made very early in the morning. In extreme cases if schools are not cancelled, parents should use their judgment and act accordingly. In these cases it is permissible to keep your children at home if you feel that the situation warrants your doing so.

Weather changes and it is difficult to know, even using all available information, how the weather will be at school time around 6 o'clock in the morning.

We will use a twofold system for cancelling school.

No School

Fire whistle plus Ruberoid sounded 2-2 at 7 A.M. means no school all schools all day.

Fire whistle plus Ruberoid sounded 2-2 at 7:30 A.M. means no school Kindergarten through Grade 6 only—all day.

Radio Stations WHZ, Boston, and WEEY, Framingham, will carry these announcements.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Millis:

We present our report of the Millis Schools for the year 1956.

Of primary importance and the greatest concern to the present school committee is the urgent need for more classroom space. Due to the increased enrollment in our elementary school population it was necessary to move two sixth grades and one fifth grade into the High School building this year, thereby depriving the high School program of three valuable classrooms. Looking ahead to our next school year it will be necessary to retain these three classrooms and possibly to take another one for use of the elementary grades.

As a result of previous school committee action, steps to alleviate this situation have already been taken. A committee to investigate land for probable school use was appointed by the Moderator, and also a committee to investigate the need for a possible addition to

the Clyde F. Brown Elementary School or act in any manner relating thereto. It is our hope that both of these committees will continue to function until our problem has been solved.

Our ever-increasing school population made it necessary to add a third member to our Summer Recreational Program staff this summer to carry on and supervise our program. This phase of our activities continues to be very popular and well attended. It is our intention to continue this program.

The problem of maintenance and repair is ever with us. In this respect some of our major efforts this past year were:

1. the replacement of water pipes from Main Street into the the high school building;
2. the removal of a temporary classroom partition on the second floor of the high school building and the replacement of the same with one of a more permanent nature for better classroom adaptation;
3. the installation of a permanent partition in our old high school cafeteria to make available more space for the home economics classes

In keeping with our policy to replace our school buses periodically and thus reduce the cost of upkeep, a new Ford school bus was purchased this year.

A new and desirable salary schedule has been adopted, effective as of September 1, 1957. This schedule makes it possible for us to reward many teachers on our staff for their years of sincere and conscientious efforts on behalf of our school children and also makes it possible for us to compete with other communities in our area to attract the best teachers to our system.

We are deeply indebted to our Superintendent of Schools, Dr. George C. Roy and to our principals, Mr. Clyde F. Brown and Mr. Natalene J. F. Tavalone, for the high calibre of administration they have maintained. To our faculty members, custodians, cafeteria per-

sonnel, town officials, parents, various organizations and citizens, a sincere vote of appreciation for helping us to make this a successful and progressive school year.

Respectfully submitted,

EARL H. MERKLE, *Chairman*

FREDERICK J. WELCH, *Secretary*

ROBERT W. McDONOUGH, *Fin. Sec'y*

PRISCILLA B. DEWEY, *Member*

HUGH J. McCARTHY, *Member*

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School	Assignment	Name	No. yrs. exp.	Began Service in Millis	Education
	Superintendent	George C. Roy	21	Sept. 1949	B.A., Providence Coll.; M.Ed., Boston University; C.A.G.S., Boston University; Ed. D., Calvin Coolidge
High	Principal	Clyde F. Brown	35	Sept. 1924	B.S., University of Vt.
High	Assistant Principal	Henry M. Doyle	9	Sept. 1948	B.A., Clark University
	Social Studies				
	Guidance				
High	Languages	Francis J. Rivers	1	Sept. 1956	B.S., Boston University
High	Commercial	Jean A. Johnson	3	Sept. 1954	B.S., Salem State Teachers College
High	Commercial	Mary M. Barrett	21	Sept. 1940	B.S. in P.A.L., Boston University M.Ed., Boston University
High	English	Maxine A. Seibel	3	Sept. 1956	B.A., Ursinus College
High	Mathematics	Mary K. Gavin	22½	Jan. 1935	B.A., Emmanuel College
High	Social Studies	J. Robert Lavery	1	Sept. 1956	B.S. Holy Cross; M.Ed., Boston University
	Coach				
High	Physics. Gen. Math.	Albert P. Palumbo	2	Sept. 1955	A.B., Boston College M.Ed., Boston College
	Gen. Science, Chemistry				
Jr. High	Science, Geography	Edward P. Tamulevitz	6	Sept. 1952	P.S. Ed., Boston University
Jr. High	Math., Biology	Eleanor E. Kenney	10	Sept. 1947	B.S., Simmons College
Jr. High	English	Nancy M. Nolan	10	Sept. 1947	B.A., Emmanuel College

High	Physical Education	Philip G. Smith	1	Sept. 1956	B.S., Boston University
	Asst. Coach, History				
Jr. High	Gen. Science, Geo.	Lawrence Kinsman	1	Sept. 1956	B.S., Boston College
	English, History				
Elem.	Geography				
	Principal	Natalene Tavalone	5	Sept. 1954	B.S., Boston College
					M.Ed., Bridgewater Teachers College
Elem.	Assistant Principal	Julius M. Winer	4	Sept. 1956	B.S., Boston University
	Grade 5				M.Ed., Harvard
Elem.	Grade 6	Rose L. Blom	27	Sept. 1941	B.A., Boston University
Elem.	Grade 6	Raymond Lanthier	1	Sept. 1956	B.S., Bridgewater Teachers College
Elem.	Grade 5	Eleanor Principessa	1	Sept. 1956	B.S., Worcester Teachers College
Elem.	Grade 4	Naomi R. Beard	1	Sept. 1956	B.S., Appalachian Teachers College
Elem.	Grade 4	Doris M. Levy	3	Sept. 1954	B.S., Salem Teachers College
Elem.	Grade 3	Katherine Conroy	15	Sept. 1944	Salem Teachers College
Elem.	Grade 3	Adelaide O'Keefe	2	Sept. 1955	A.B., Regis College
Elem.	Grade 3	Ellen R. Moran	36	Nov. 1920	Chandler School
		(Leave of absence)			
Elem.	Grade 3	Judith Somerby	1	Sept. 1956	B.A., Smith College
Elem.	Grade 2	Sibyl Enggren	24	Nov. 1938	B.A., Wheaton College
Elem.	Grade 2	Carole Sottana	1	Sept. 1956	A.B., Regis College
Elem.	Grade 2	Helen Brennan	30½	Jan. 1926	Worcester and Framingham Teachers College
Elem.	Grade 1	Mary E. Rogers	11	Dec. 1950	Lowell Teachers College
Elem.	Grade 1	Louise Burke	1	Sept. 1956	B.S., Boston College
Elem.	Grade 1	Rosemary Murphy	2	Sept. 1955	A.B., Regis College
Elem.	Kindergarten	Mildred Klingdury	14	Sept. 1947	Framingham Teachers College
Elem.	Kindergarten	Josephine Martin	1	Sept. 1950	B.S., Calvin College

SPECIAL TEACHERS

Physical Education (Home Economics)	Joan B. Doliner	6	Sept. 1951	B.S., Sargent College
Cafeteria Supervisor	Mary-Hope Ferrara	1	Sept. 1956	B.S., Simmons College
Music	Elinore E. Cole		Sept. 1954	New England Conservatory
Art	Daniel Gilmore	1	Jan. 1956	B.M., Boston University
Industrial Arts	Richard Young	7	Sept. 1949	Wentworth Institute, Fitchburg State
Driver Education				Teachers Coll., Northeastern University

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Nurse	Myrtle A. Coldwell	Sept. 1942	R.N., Mass. Memorial Hospital
Doctor	Jacob J. Zalvan, M.D.		

SCHOOL SECRETARY

Secretary	Dorothy Thumith	Nov. 1947	Pierce Secretarial School
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CUSTODIANS

Joseph Johnson
James Tabarani
Arthur Watson

FINANCIAL REPORT

MILLIS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

December 31, 1956

Salaries—High School	\$ 60,798.98
Elementary	59,605.80
Expenses—Principals, Teachers, Etc.	
High School	55.00
Elementary	525.00
Textbooks—High School	1,963.11
Elementary	1,878.87
Supplies—High School	3,204.57
Elementary	3,478.81
Janitor's Service—High School	5,484.27
Elementary	5,387.82
Fuel—Coal	1,376.71
Oil—High School	1,497.04
Oil—Elementary	1,439.00
Light—High School	1,784.39
Elementary	2,105.10
Janitors' Supplies—High School	1,026.27
Elementary	728.77
Repairs	4,159.89
Library—High School	424.97
Elementary	341.82
Health	2,872.65
Transportation—High School	426.04
Elementary	381.60
Physical Education	2,155.39
Expenses Committee	26.00
Expenses Superintendent	5,724.29
New Equipment—High School	5,800.00
Elementary	2,250.91
Improvement of Grounds	500.17
Contingency	925.80
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	\$178,942.70

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and the Citizens of Millis:

Herewith I submit my eighth annual report as Superintendent of Schools. It is the sixty-fifth in a series of school reports, and includes excerpts from reports of the principals, supervisors, special instructors and coaches.

Our Major Problem — School Housing

In 1946 the total enrollment in the Millis Public Schools was 442. Ten years later in 1956 the grand total is 775, an increase of 333 or seventy-five per cent. In 1953, the Massachusetts School Building Association Commission estimated that our enrollment in 1956 would be 545. With the enrollment of 775, we have an increase of 230 pupils, or eighty per cent higher than the estimate. It is practically impossible to know exactly the school population in 1966, ten years from now, but it appears as though the enrollment will be between 1600 and 2000 pupils by that time. Moving pupils ahead grade by grade, figuring corresponding increases to those over the past ten years in school population, plus proposed new housing developments, make the above figures conservative.

Students are housed as follows during the present school year: Clyde F. Brown School, one room used for kindergarten (two sessions); three for grade one; three for grade two; three for grade three; two for grade four; plus one grade five, making a total of kindergarten and twelve elementary classrooms with 458 pupils. In the junior-senior high school we have one fifth and two sixth grade classrooms.

In 1957 we shall need at least four rooms for elementary purposes in the high school building. Our enrollment at the junior-senior high level is likewise increasing, necessitating more space for adequate operation.

The Millis School Committee has studied various temporary arrangements to ward off double sessions. On a short-range temporary basis this may be done.

Millis is faced with a major school building decision. As this is being written, there is a school land committee, an elementary addition or new elementary school committee and there is to be a committee to study the regional plan. It would appear that these assignments are interdependent and that the solution of our school building problems rest on their findings.

Millis is faced with a serious junior-senior high school problem and should decide to participate in a regional school or build its own school.

The type of program, the facilities, and the financial aspect including state reimbursements should be part of the regional committee's study from two points of view, local and regional.

Our school officials stand ready to assist in any way possible in solving all of these problems for the profit of our community.

Changes in Personnel

During 1956 we had the following resignations: Aldo Frazz, Margaret Stapleton, Daniel Bennett, Josephine Colletto, Thomas Jackson, Louise Agurkis, Patricia Rockwell, Janet Eastman, Ellen McGarrahan, Mrs. Joan Doliner and Margaret McKhann.

Four of the above left to enter the business world, four continued teaching elsewhere, one left to be married and two resigned due to pregnancy.

Mr. Natalene Tavelone was made Acting Elementary Principal to succeed Mr. Thomas Jackson on January 23. Mr. Tavelone was elevated to the post of Principal by the School Committee on October 23 as a result of the manner in which he administered and supervised his unit during the above time.

Additions to the faculty include the following: Francis Rivers, Maxine Seibel, Philip Smith, Robert Lavery, Julius Winer, Judith Somberby, Naomi Beard, Josephine Marino, Lawrence Kinsman, Eleanor Principessa, Raymond Lanthier, Carole Settana, Louise Burke, Mary-Hope Ferrara, Daniel Gilmore.

All of the above with the exception of a position at the third grade level and a position at the Junior-Senior High, which were necessitated by increased enrollment, were replacements. The professional background and experience of each may be found in the school personnel chart. To all, former members of our staff, present members, old and new, may success and happiness be yours.

Repairs and New Equipment

Major repairs included replacement of stairs next to the principal's office from the first to the second floor, as well as replacement of stairs in front of building from the basement to the first floor on the girls side. Some work was also done on one of the boilers. Roof leaks were eliminated by the proper repairs.

Funds appropriated in a special article allowed for the replacement of the pipe from the road to the high school building that was a necessity.

School roads around the high school were tarred.

The area behind the Clyde F. Brown School was gravelled. It is hoped that this will be hard topped to allow use during the winter months after it has been cleared of snow.

On the second floor of the junior-senior high school a temporary partition was erected to allow for a passageway from the center to the front of the building without disturbing any classes. With the increased enrollment an area is now used advantageously because of this partition.

In the junior-senior high cafeteria a cinder block partition has been erected. The former sink in the cafeteria was beginning to cause trouble and had to be replaced. Plans were prepared and the Thomas Winchester Co., Inc., the lowest bidder, was awarded the contract, which included stainless steel shelving and the relocating of the present dishwasher in the new unit.

It is possible now to conduct classes in cooking away from the general cafeteria cooking area.

Our state building inspector recommended that a door be inserted in the room used for sewing purposes. This was done to insure another exit beyond the present basement area where all doors in the cafeteria and kitchen lead into a common area.

The building inspector also recommended the inserting of several automatic door closers. All of his recommendations have been complied with and we have posted the state approval for use of our junior-senior high building.

Replacement of stairs is going on with a long range plan as the base.

Purchases included the following: One Ford School Bus, one Standard Duplicator, four cafeteria tables, one four-student chemistry-physies table, two manual typewriters, one electric typewriter, one Myco Wet Dry Vacuum with attachments, seventy junior high combination desk-arm chair units, sixty desks for the elementary school, seventy-six chairs for the elementary school, four Kindergarten tables, one 16" millimeter sound projector, two screens, one opaque projector, two 35" millimeter projectors, one projector stand, three wall cabinets, for the chemistry-physies area, and four flushometers in the boys' basement.

Transportation

This year with the increase in enrollment, it was voted by the School Committee to change the hours of kindergarten, which allows for the transportation of that group alone both to and from school. It is felt that this personalized kindergarten service has worked to considerable advantage.

The extension of the sidewalk on Main and Pleasant Streets has eliminated the hazard of walking in the road.

It is well for you as parents to point out the necessary highway safety factors in your own area. Safety is covered periodically in school and with your assistance at home on the same topic, accidents should be prevented.

Sometimes requests are received for transportation of pupils, who normally do not ride a particular bus, to ride on it for parties or special occasions. It is difficult for us to offer this service which was possible a few years ago when the busses were not carrying so many as today. In emergencies we can work situations out but know that you will understand the above rule.

Under present state law, Millis is eligible for one hundred per cent reimbursement of the net cost of school busses in three equal payments, one-third each year.

In 1956 a 59 passenger Ford School bus was purchased under this plan.

Our school busses, which are periodically inspected to comply with state law, are kept in the best of condition to assure the safety of our pupils.

Insurance

For the fourth consecutive school year the \$1 per pupil per year school policy has been offered on a voluntary basis. Any student from Kindergarten through the senior year in high school is eligible for the accident insurance at a cost of only one dollar a year.

This plan in which participation is entirely voluntary protects the student during the policy term for injuries received:

- (1) attending School during the hours and on the days when School is in session.
- (2) traveling directly to or from the Insured Student's residence and the School for such session, coverage not being effective not more

than one hour before the time School begins and not more than one hour after the insured Student is dismissed from School.

- (3) participating in School sponsored activities; except that this policy does not cover
- (a) injuries resulting from participation in interscholastic sports by Insured Students enrolled in grades 9 through 12, including regularly scheduled practice sessions therefor or travel to and from such contests or practices,
 - (b) eyeglasses or prescriptions therefor,
 - (c) dental surgery, service or repair except as provided in Part A,
 - (d) air travel excepted as provided in Part C,
 - (e) war or any act of war (declared or undeclared), or
 - (f) treatment by any person employed or retained by the School.

"If the Insured Student, because of covered accidental bodily injuries, shall require the services of a registered graduate nurse, treatment by a physician or surgeon, or any necessary hospital care of service the Association will pay for the expense actually incurred for such items, provided such expenses are incurred within twenty-six weeks from the date of the accident, but in no event shall the total for all such items exceed, in the aggregate, \$2,500.00 for any one accident; except that in case of injury to one or more sound, natural, unfilled teeth, the amount payable under this Part A shall not exceed \$50.00."

In addition this policy covers a phase which we trust we will never need. In the event of dismemberment or death, additional payments are made.

We are pleased to report that exactly six hundred and seventy-six (676) are participating in this insurance this year. All payments requested of this company have been paid to date.

Professional Participation

The Millis School Committee, which is active in the Massachusetts School Committee Association as well as Area 2 School Committee, has had representatives at each of the area meetings, as well as the annual state meeting which this year was conducted at the Chatham Bars Inn, Chatham.

National Convention

At the National Convention for the American Association for School Administrators at Atlantic City, which your superintendent attended, there was a very interesting panel of high school students from other countries.

Some of the student reactions were as follows:

The English student felt that American education emphasized breadth while English education stressed depth. English schools place emphasis on development of individual while American schools emphasize citizenship training for all.

An Australian student stated that schools there are similar to English schools.

A student from Iceland stated that in Iceland there are no report cards. There are tests for achievement in athletics in the schools of Iceland. Parents inquire about marks of students if interested.

A Nigerian student believed corporal punishment was the best means for making pupils study. He added there was strong competition among the students to attend the limited number of schools in his country.

In most European schools, the teachers lecture and there is no discussion in class, contrasted with American schools where there is discussion in class.

The student from France mentioned that extra-curricular activities are at a minimum in France.

In contrast to our own schools, separate schools for boys and girls were reported by many students.

Representatives from England and France felt that school uniforms worked to advantage in their countries.

The distinction of what American schools are doing and what they desire to do is important. America has high ideals for the education of all and is in process of reaching that goal.

At a recent Area 2 meeting held at the new Meadowbrook Junior High School, Newton, following a tour of the building, the committee was present at a meeting which included the discussion of the so-called "Newton Plan" and the Lexington Merit Salary Schedule.

Faculty members have attended four meetings on various phases of the Framingham Mental Health Area Association with Mr. Norman

Cohen, Mental Health Consultant of the Framingham Youth Guidance Center, Framingham, in charge. Arrangements for the meetings as well as for a general meeting of our elementary faculty on September 12th with Miss Joyce Pritchard of the Row, Peterson Company, publisher of our reading series, were arranged by the Superintendent.

Our teaching personnel is active in its own Millis Teachers' Club, Massachusetts Teachers' Association and is affiliated with the National Education Association.

The Principals and Superintendent have attended their respective conferences.

Your Superintendent is serving for the second year as co-chairman of the Massachusetts School Superintendents' Legislative Committee.

Looking Ahead

Objective

A main objective of Education is to teach tomorrow's citizens as well as today's citizens to think positively about our democracy and to understand and have appreciation for our country, its problems, resources, heritage and ideals.

Knowledge in itself is not sufficient, if personal honesty and respect are not present. Together with subject matter information, we should have the proper moral and spiritual values to guide us. Proper attitude toward law, townspeople, and government is basic to effective citizenship.

Teaching does not begin or end with subject matter alone. Co-operatively and successful citizens are the result of proper attitudes instilled and maintained.

Goals of old, such as development of sound character, purpose and proper application, should help our students meet their responsibilities.

Character

Molding, day in and day out, the most priceless of raw materials, the Millis School system is the most important business enterprise in our community affecting every home directly or indirectly.

Classroom

What makes a classroom a classroom? Is it the room itself? Is it the school furniture? Would it be the textbooks or workbooks? Do you hear the pupils entering the room? It is not a complete classroom picture until the teacher enters the room. Together teacher and pupils

give us the learning situation. We are pleased that the Millis School Committee has adopted a salary schedule that looks to the future.

Reading

The curriculum, elementary and junior and senior high, are built around the basic subject reading. An important assignment of every teacher is to teach pupils to read. Each successful teacher is a reading teacher, teaching not just word calling, but creating a desire within the pupils to concentrate, understand and think clearly about what is being read.

This year for the first time, we have a Reading Analyst, Mr. Hanley. Special courses in reading are even given at the college level to help students improve their reading speed, study skills and comprehension. We suggest you read his report for further details of our local program.

Handwriting

In September 1956, the Rinehart Functional Handwriting System was introduced in grades one through eight.

The major objectives of the handwriting program are as follows:

1. To teach the pupils to read and write both cursive handwriting and hand lettering (manuscript).
2. To predicate all techniques on the idea that the welfare of the child is of major concern and that everything possible will be done to insure correct posture and angle of vision may be maintained with ease and reduce to a minimum the problem of transition from lettering to cursive handwriting in the third grade.
3. To provide expert guidance and consulting service.
4. To insure a tenable handwriting philosophy based on extensive research and experience.
5. To provide adequate instructional and motivational materials for teachers and pupils with careful direction and follow-up to see that these materials are properly used.
6. To make adequate provision for individual differences as it relates to the handwriting of each child, also to permit teachers to proceed at the rate best suited to the class.
7. To give adequate attention to the left-handed writer and make available effective tests to determine the ration of dexterity in prescribing for a beginner.

8 To teach the concomitants of neatness, accuracy and attention to detail along with a mastery in technical handwriting.

9 To achieve and surpass national norms in speed and quality of handwriting.

10 To teach handwriting with a minimum expenditure of time, effort and materials without over-emphasis on this special subject.

Mr. Rinehart's report at this time is in part as follows:

"The program has been well received by your teachers and pupils and their cooperation has been all that could be desired. We have supplied your teachers and pupils with the necessary instructional and motivational materials and have visited each classroom at 4-week teaching intervals for instructional purposes. We have also held three general teachers' meetings for the instruction of your teachers in our methods and techniques. Statistics will not be available until June showing the measure of improvement during the school year. Our progress report for 1957 will present in detail the measure of a year's training under the Rinehart handwriting program."

Finances

With the increase in enrollment, rise in costs of books and materials, new teacher salary schedule, the school budget will be higher in 1957.

	1956	1957
Budget	\$179,102.00	\$204,744.00
Spent	178,949.70	
Balance	152.30	
Reimbursement	42,046.84	44,000.00 (Est.)
Net Cost	136,002.86	160,744.00 (Est.)
Breakdown on reimbursement		
Chapter 70	35,313.38	37,133.33 (Est.)
Union Superintendent	1,866.67	1,866.67
Transportation	4,866.79	5,000.00 (Est.)
Vocational Reimbursement		
Maintenance of Evening		
Practical Arts	241.50	
Tuition Vocational Schools	179.19	
Trans. Pupils Vocational Schools	28.00	

Special Articles

	Appropriation	Used	Balance
Evening Practical Arts	\$ 450.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 70.00
Vocational Tuition	1,200.00	39.20	1,118.80
Extension of pipe	600.00	525.00	75.00
Recreational Program	600.00	600.00	—
School Bus	5,000.00	4,499.73	500.27

Survey

School authorities conducted a survey to determine whether or not Millis would be eligible under Public Laws 874 and 815 in qualifying for federal financial assistance. Federal funds are distributed to eligible communities in which the parents of more than 2 percent of the public school pupils are employed in or on properties controlled or operated under the direct jurisdiction of our federal Government.

If parents change their place of employment and feel that they are employed in one of the government areas which are included in this study, we would be pleased to hear from them.

As this is being written there are bills before the General Court which may increase State Aid to Education. In addition, there is a state commission set up to study the problem of State Aid to Education, of which your superintendent is a member. It is hoped that ways may be determined to raise the needed money to meet the additional costs of education due to reasons previously stated.

May I, at this time, extend my appreciation for the cooperation and aid thus rendered by the members of the School Committee, the principals, the entire school personnel, all local organizations and the townspeople.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE C. ROY.

Superintendent of Schools

MILLIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Grade Population as per School Registers

October 1, 1956

Elementary

	Grade	Boys	Girls	No. by Room	No. by Grade
Mildred Kingsbury	K A.M.	27	24	51	
Josephine Marino	K P.M.	20	23	43	94
Mary Rogers	1	20	9	29	
Louise Burke	1	15	16	31	88
Rosemary Murphy	1	15	13	28	
Sibyl Enegren	2	17	12	29	
Carole Sultana	2	17	10	27	82
Helen Brennan	2	12	14	26	
Katherine Conroy	3	16	15	31	
Adelaide O'Keeffe	3	17	15	32	94
Judith Somerby	3	13	18	31	
Naomi Beard	4	22	13	35	
Doris Levy	4	24	11	35	70
Julius Winer	5	9	19	28	
Eleanor Principessa	5	17	15	32	60
Rose Blom	6	14	10	24	
Raymond Lanthier	6	10	16	26	50
Totals		285	253	538	538

Junior High School

Edward Tamuleviz	7	15	6	21	
Lawrence Kinsman	7	8	17	25	46
Eleanor Kenney	8	14	14	28	
Nancy Nolan	8	13	19	32	60
Totals		50	56	106	106

Senior High School

Jean Johnson	9	10	10	20	
Albert Palumbo	9	16	10	26	41
Mary Barrett	10	8	19	27	27
Francis Rivers	11	7	10	17	
Maxine Seibel	11	6	10	16	33
Mary Gavin	12	10	15	25	25
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Totals		57	74	131	131
Totals All Grades		392	383	775	775



CHEMISTRY GROUP IN ACTION

REPORT OF JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit my annual report for the year 1956.

Members of the graduating class of 1956 have entered schools of higher learning or the United States Service as follows:

Gary M. Carey—Apprenticeship, Whiting Machine Works, South-
bridge

Robert W. Corcoran—Boston University, Boston

Donald F. Dmytryck—Industrial Technical School, Boston

Thomas A. Keough—Boston College, Boston

Robert L. Morrison—Northeastern University, Boston

Martin I. Veiner—Tufts University, Boston

George D. Volpicelli—United States Navy

Elizabeth A. Costa—Salem Teachers College, Salem

Betty J. Margolis—Beth Israel Hospital, Boston

Carol A. Sokoloski—Burdett College, Boston

Lisette M. Walter—University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Graduation—Presentations:

Brazell and Lomb Award for Excellence in the Sciences and
Reader's Digest: Martin Veiner

John C. Brown Award given by the Class of 1955 to a Junior:
Karin Blom

Harvard Club, honored by Clifford D. Thatcher, Class of 1944:
William Rivers

D.A.R. Good Citizenship Award: Betty Margolis

Millis Teachers' Club Award for Excellence in United States
History: Karin Blom

American Legion Scholarship Award: Lisette Walter

Millis Parent Teacher Association Scholarship Award: Thomas
Keough

Norway Engine Company Scholarship Award: Elizabeth Costa

The gift of the class of 1956 to the school was an Intercommuni-
cation System, placed in the Principal's office, and connected to all
rooms in the high school building. This gift is a decided convenience to
the Superintendent, Secretary and Principal.

At the opening of school in September, the Millis P.T.A. Executive
and Finance Committees began to study the needs of both schools in

order to use the surplus funds from the Bazaar.

It was voted to give two \$100 mid-term scholarships. The graduates of 1955 and 1956 were given an opportunity to apply for the scholarships. One was awarded to Isaac Kramanick, and the other to Elizabeth Costa.

The P.T.A. spent approximately \$200 for Science and Biology reference books. The reading program received the following:

- 3 Reading "Accelerators"—used as an artificial stimulus to read faster.
- 1 tachistoscopic (flashometer). This flashometer is for the filmstrip projector, and used for flashing numbers, words, phrases, and sentences on a screen for quick recognition.
 - a library of filmstrips for use with the flashmeter.
 - a library of graded materials ranging from third to twelfth grade in difficulty. These stories can be used to check the pupils' speed and comprehension scores.

The expenditure for the reading program was \$370.

It is not necessary for me to elaborate on our increasing school population and the need for more classrooms as this problem was discussed at a recent Town Meeting. Our school population by grades shows a class of twenty-five pupils graduating in June 1957, while the class entering the first grade of the Elementary School will be approximately one hundred in number. It is my hope by careful planning to absorb enough grades from the Elementary School in the Junior-Senior High School building to avoid double sessions for the school year of 1957-1958.

Activities

On April 16 the Senior Class made their annual trip to Washington, D.C. The parents of the class of 1956 did excellent work in raising funds for this and for the class needs to complete the school year. The officers of the Parents' Committee were:

Mrs. Herbert Frink, Chairman
Mr. Harold Keough, Treasurer
Mrs. Abraham Margolis, Secretary

Mr. Edward Tamuleviz and Miss Joan McKinstry were the chaperones.

Robert W. Corcoran represented our school on Good Government Day at the State House.

A Junior Promenade and Senior Reception was held on May 10. The grand march was directed by Mrs. Mary K. Gavin and Mrs. Norma Stapleton and was led by Miss Karin Blom, President of the Junior Class, and Robert Corcoran, President of the Senior Class.

The American Legion Post 208 sent Francis Judge and William Rivers to Boys' State, held at the University of Massachusetts for one week in June, with all expenses paid.

The American Legion Auxiliary Post 208 sent Karin Blom to Girls' State at Endgewater Teachers College for one week, and expenses paid.

On December 6 the Senior Class presented their annual play, "Mama's Baby Boy," under the direction of Mrs. Maxine Seibel assisted by Misses Jean Johnson and Nancy Nolan. The play was well done by the class and a large audience was present. Following are the cast and committees:

Cast

Karin Blom	Paul Robinson
Kenneth Tiernan	Joan Costello
Francis Judge	Barbara Mael
Marilyn Smith	Maureen McDonough
Linda Welch	Joseph McFetridge
	Linda Rosen

Prompters

Joseph McFetridge	William Rivers
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Usherettes

Betty Foster	Ann Kostick
	Faith Clark

Stage Crew

Robert DiCenzo	Eugene Smith
Kenneth Tiernan	Samuel Winiker
	Joseph McFetridge

Advertising Chairman

Samuel Winiker

Ticket Chairman**Joseph McFetridge**

At this time I wish to express my appreciation to the School Committee, Superintendent of Schools, teachers, janitors, and others who have helped to make this a successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

CLYDE F. BROWN,

Principal



A LOOK AT OUR KINDERGARTEN

REPORT OF THE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

It is with great pleasure that I submit to you this report of the Elementary grades, kindergarten through grade six.

I assumed the duties of Acting Principal of the elementary grades on February 27, 1956, having succeeded Mr. Thomas Jackson whose resignation became effective on that date. On October 23, 1956, my title of Acting Principal was changed to that of Principal.

As of October 1, 1956 our elementary enrollment totals 538 pupils. Of that number, 456 occupy the Clyde F. Brown School and 82 occupy three rooms in the Junior-Senior High School building. More specifically, our breakdown is as follows:

	Pupils
Kindergarten (total of both sessions).....	94
Grade 1 (three rooms)	88
Grade 2 (three rooms).....	82
Grade 3 (three rooms)	94
Grade 4 (two rooms)	70
Grade 5 (one room C. F. Brown School)..	27
Grade 5 (one room Jr.-Sr. H. S. Bldg.)	33
Grade 6 (two rooms in Jr.-Sr. H. S. Bldg)	50
Total pupils.....	538

Looking forward to the next school year, our enrollment indicates the following minimum space requirements: Kindergarten and twelve rooms in the C. F. Brown School to be occupied by three first grades, three second grades, three third grades, and three fourth grades. We will require four rooms to house two large fifth grades and two sixth grades. Presumably, these rooms will again be in the Junior-Senior High School building.

Since acceding to the positions of both Acting Principal and Principal of the Elementary School, I have effected some administrative changes and additions which I felt were needed for greater efficiency and facility of operation. Some of the more important of these changes and additions follow since February 1956:

For the first time in many years, a Safety Patrol of twelve boys was organized and a Safety Program inaugurated with the co-operation

of Chief Balkam, Mr. Hawkins of the Registry of Motor Vehicles, Officer Walter Carr of the Safety Division of the Franklin Police, and Dr. Roy. Safety cross-straps and badges were procured for us by Dr. Roy and the caps were kindly donated for our temporary use by Officer Carr. New Safety Patrol caps were provided in November through the kindness of the Millis PTA. Various safety agencies were contacted and they responded with valuable materials which we distributed through classroom teachers. An assembly was held, a movie was shown and interesting safety talks and instructions were given the children by Dr. Roy, Chief Balkam, Mr. Hawkins, and Mr. Carr. We feel the program is of sufficient value as to continue it from year to year.

To supplement our own room libraries and reading program with books for recreatory reading as well as books for slow and fast readers, we procured a large number of books, at no cost to us, from the Lending Collection of the Massachusetts Division of Public Libraries. These books may be had for a three-month period. We are grateful to the Trustees of the Millis Public Library for their aid and co-operation in our reading program. We again feel the value of this program warrants its continuance and have already received an even larger allotment for the first three months of the current school year.

Memorial Day observances were again held out of doors near the flag pole with all classes participating. Among the visiting personalities were Reverend Gerald Donovan, Reverend William Kilpatrick, Mr. Maynard Gould, and Dr. George Roy.

The Millis Library Trustees again conducted their summer reading program, the theme this year being "Globe Trotting." Children were encouraged by displays and demonstrations to enjoy summer recreational reading and to develop good reading habits in their spare time. We are extremely grateful to the local Library Trustees and will continue to co-operate with them in the future.

All classes had an opportunity to go on a field trip last spring. Appointments were arranged for visits to the Children's Museum in Jamaica Plain, The Middlesex-Fells Zoo in Stoneham, Historic Sites of Boston, and "This is Cinerama." We hope to continue this program if bus schedules can be conveniently arranged not to conflict with our own regular school bus schedules.

Kuhlman-Finch I. Q. Tests were administered to grades one, three, and five in accordance with past practices and their results recorded on permanent record folders which accompany each child through his school life. These results are used for diagnostic purposes in order that a teacher may gain further insight into an individual's past school

capabilities. They are in no way used for publication and discrimination, nor do they in any way influence a child's report card marks.

Under the direction of Miss Elinore Cole, Mr. David Gilmore, and Miss Ellen McGarrahan and with the co-operation of the teaching staff, a Spring Music and Arts Festival was held which was well attended by parents and friends of the school. Space in the corridor and lobby were utilized for various exhibits and together with the music program was well received. We hope to continue with a similar type program this spring.

A supply requisition system has been installed through which a teacher may present a requisition slip and receive whatever supplies may be needed at the moment rather than to wait for weekly or monthly supply distributions. It is felt that better control over supplies may be exercised with this system. Rather than have many supplies lying unused in many individual rooms they are now consolidated and centralized so that a close check may be kept on depletion or over-supply of the myriad items necessary for the smooth functioning of the school program.

The audio-visual program has been greatly augmented and encouraged with the acquisition of a 16 mm sound projector, a slide projector, and a portable screen. The future of the program holds still greater hope with added gifts from the Miller PTA. That organization very kindly purchased a phonograph, a record album, and a permanent screen arrangement for the all-purpose room. With this added help, we feel the audio-visual department at the elementary level is quite adequate. Additional items may and should be added periodically but the major problem of equipment have been solved.

Stanford Achievement Tests were administered in October for diagnostic purposes. Results have not yet been completely compiled at this writing but will have been ready for parent-teacher conferences during American Education Week in November.

We were privileged to have with us on September 10, Miss Joyce Pritchard, reading analyst and expert, representing the Row, Peterson Company whose reading series is now in effect in the elementary school. A most enjoyable and profitable day was experienced by teachers at every level. The teachers also met with Miss Pritchard at a general meeting after the close of school to discuss important aspects of reading. It is hoped that in the near future, an all-day reading workshop designed to include both parents and teachers may be held under the guidance and direction of Miss Pritchard.

Again this year we are subscribing to the professional services of

the Youth Guidance Center of Framingham. They have been most co-operative and helpful while working to solve some of the problems of the children in school who we feel need this type of assistance. Mr. Cohen, psychologist for the clinic, is visiting with us regularly and we are grateful to him for his assistance and co-operation.

In place of the first report on the progress report card, we have continued to employ the parent-teacher conference. These conferences are arranged by appointment during Education Week. Teachers will have had two months to observe each child, collect specimen work and have achievement test results on hand to intelligently discuss with the parent, the physical, social and mental aspects of each individual child. The afternoons of November 13 and 14 have been given over to teacher and parents for these conferences. School will not be in session on those afternoons with the exception of the kindergarten.

To make more effective our supervision of the children, particularly morning arrivals, we have the principal, assistant principal, and a rotated teacher plan to receive and watch over them from the time of their arrival to the beginning of school. During periods in the year when the weather is cold or inclement, the pupils are allowed into the building immediately upon arrival. They are allowed into their rooms and are provided with recreation materials to keep them occupied until the beginning of school. The personnel who are normally out for supervisory duties in the morning, carry out their duties inside. This practice has worked out well for both pupils and teachers.

The Savings Stamp program is continuing with purchases averaging approximately \$55 per week. Total purchases last year totalled nearly \$1,500.

The Rinehart Functional Handwriting System was adopted this year and is now in effect throughout the elementary grades. The results shown in the short space of time this system has been employed have been quite gratifying. We look to even greater success in the future.

With the co-operation of the School Committee, Dr. Roy, members of the faculty, and the PTA, I feel that we have had a most profitable and successful school year and further feel that our elementary unit is in a most healthy state. We have been given necessary materials without which we would have been seriously hampered in our efforts. Our supply situation is in such a state as to be not wanting in any area. We will do our utmost to care for and preserve the materials that have been provided for our use in the educational process.

In closing, may I again thank the School Committee, the Superin-

tendent of Schools, the PTA, the custodians, and the cafeteria personnel who have so generously and cheerfully assisted me in any way throughout the school year. Above all, may I thank the members of the faculty whose co-operation, support, and devotion to duty has made my work as an administrator a pleasant and rewarding experience.

Respectfully submitted,

NATALENE J. TAVALONE,

Elementary Principal

REPORT OF GUIDANCE PROGRAM

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit the report of guidance activities at the Millis Junior-Senior high school for the past year. The usual testing program, conferences and interviews were conducted. It is a pleasure to report that on all standardized tests our pupils measure up to or exceed the national norm. The so called Boston University Test Battery was administered to the Juniors. Due to curtailment of service this was given in our high school by myself and the results tabulated at Boston University.

A follow up of the graduating class indicates that our percentage of sending pupils on to schools and colleges continues at a high rate. This is covered more fully in the principal's report. We are now in contact with several industries carrying on apprenticeship programs and one boy is now engaged in training at the Whiting Machine Tool Company.

Throughout the school years representatives from many schools and colleges came to the school to discuss problems with the seniors and juniors. We are greatly indebted to the United States Employment Service for the battery of tests administered to seniors planning to enter the labor market. Mr. George Larkin of USES conducted individual interviews with these students.

In an attempt to arouse greater motivation three new features have been added to our program. The first is a series of meetings with eighth grade pupils, plus a mimeographed booklet, on the purpose of high school, the program of studies and planning of individual programs. A second feature is the addition of a study unit on How to Study. This has been incorporated into the Civics class. The third feature is the issuance of a quarterly Guidance Newsletter keeping students abreast of the latest information reaching our office.

In conclusion I wish to thank you, Mr. Brown and the entire faculty for the help given without which there could be no guidance program.

Respectfully submitted

HENRY M. DOYLE,

Guidance Director

REPORT ON PHYSICAL EDUCATION

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Physical Education is getting more and more vital to the physical and mental health of our youngsters as the years go by. Nowhere but in physical activity can the satisfaction, joy and pleasure come that accompanies one's participation in various activities. The national government has reached the conclusion from study that when one's body, mind and emotions are working together, an intergration of functioning takes place which is the foundation for physical and mental health.

Here at Millis we try to use a well rounded program that will not only accomplish the purpose in mind but also entice the boys to participate.

This year we have begun to lay the groundwork for future years by insisting that boys participating do so attired in a gym uniform. As the program progresses it is hoped that we can add to the curriculum by acquiring some apparatus pieces.

The Fall program consists of the following activities:

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| 1 Soccer | 2 Football |
| | 3 Track |

The Winter program following Thanksgiving included these:

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| 1 Volley Ball | 5 Wrestling |
| 2 Badminton | 6 Boxing |
| 3 Tumbling | 7 Games |
| 4 Basketball | |

The Spring program beginning April, consists of the following:

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| 1 Baseball | 3 Track |
| 2 Softball | 4 Tennis |

If the program outlined above can develop a competitive spirit, enthusiasm and a fair sense of play, then you are not only building healthy bodies, but also building young men of character.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP G. SMITH,

Physical Education Supervisor

BOYS' ATHLETICS

To the Superintendent of Schools:

REPORT ON BASEBALL

Although our baseball season did not show victories, the boys benefited greatly from the experience gained in participating.

The following boys participated in baseball:

Milford Kenney	Frank Newell
Carl Olson	Paul Robinson
James White	Francis Judge

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Robert Barrett
Leo Braun
John Gately

Thomas Keough
Robert Corcoran
John Diggins

REPORT ON BASKETBALL

Although our basketball season was not impressive, the boys gained greatly in experience that will pay dividends in future years.

The following boys participated in basketball:

Milford Kenney
Carl Olson
James White
Robert Barrett
John Gately
John Fairbanks
Frank Newell

Robert DiCenzo
Francis Judge
Paul Robinson
Thomas Keough
Robert Corcoran
Robert Morrison
William Rivers

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD A. YOUNG,

Faculty Manager

 FOOTBALL REPORT

This was the first year of competition for seventeen of the twenty-three boys who comprised the Millis High School football team of 1956. Of this number six were seniors, three were juniors, four were sophomores, nine were freshmen, and one was a seventh grader.

As the season progressed the squad improved with added experience and conditioning, although closing the campaign without a win.

The high point of the season was a hard fought decision to heavily-favored Medway, 6 to 0, on Thanksgiving Day.

Thanks to the assistance and co-operation of Phil Smith, my assistant coach, and Mr. Clyde F. Brown, and Doctor Zalvan.

The following boys participated in football:

Francis Judge, Capt.
Kenneth Tiernan, Capt.

Robert Barrett
John Gately

Robert DiCenzo
Joseph McFetridge
Paul Robinson
Sam Winiker
Frank Newell
Paul Grehan
Karl Mighton
Bernard Thatcher
Timothy Lydon

James White
Carl Olson
Milford Kenney
Alan Horsley
Richard Williams
Arthur Marangian
Roger DiCenzo
Paul Berry
Alan Novick

Joseph Cronin

Respectfully submitted,

J. ROBERT LAVERY,
Coach

REPORT OF ELEMENTARY AND GIRLS' PHYSICAL EDUCATION

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Physical Education is a phase of education that strives to promote through total body activity primarily on the play level the health and general welfare of all students and to guide them in becoming more effective individuals physically, mentally and socially.

The findings concerning the physical condition of our today's children indicate that as a nation we have sadly neglected our physical condition. The need for Physical Education cannot be over-emphasized if we are to enjoy living to the fullest extent. It is up to each student, individually, to realize the needs and benefits that will come from intelligent and whole-hearted participation in Physical Education courses.

The Physical Education program of the Elementary grades in Millis consists of games of high and low organization, stunts and tumbling, relay games and primary conditioning exercises. Equipment such as footballs, playground balls, jump ropes, softball bats and balls are available to the children during their class or recess periods.

The Junior-Senior High School program consists of varied activities such as field hockey, basketball, volleyball, fistball, softball, badminton, conditioning exercises, and stunts and tumbling.

Both an intra-mural and inter-scholastic sports program is carried on for the girls at the high school level. Basketball, being the one which has drawn the most interest in the past few years, has brought many girls out for extra-curricula sports. On an inter-scholastic level the Millis girls basketball team has been one of the better teams in this area in the past few years. Last year's 1955-56 season ended with 9 wins and 2 losses.

Cheerleading, which comes under the Physical Education Department, each year brings out many girls for tryouts to gain a position on the cheerleading squad. The girls who are finally chosen cheer each week at Pep Rallies, Football games and Basketball games. The girls work most afternoons practicing and creating new cheers. A lot of credit should be given these girls for their ever-present efforts to promote school spirit.

I would like at this time to thank the townspeople, the School Administration and the custodians for their help in making the Physical Education program effective.

Respectfully submitted,
JOAN DOLINER,
Supervisor of Physical Education

REPORT OF ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Receipts			
Balance January 1, 1956			\$618.32
Football receipts	\$454.10		
Less Officials	108.00		
		964.42	
Basketball receipts	121.00		
Less Officials	180.00		
		905.42	

Baseball receipts	00.00	
Less Officials	79.00	
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Magazine Drive receipts	131.25	
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Expenses

Janitor Service	\$114.00	
Mass. Principals' Association	10.00	
Baseball League Dues	5.00	
Football League Dues	5.00	
Johnson Bus Rentals	102.40	
Senior Sweaters	160.39	
Award Certificates	5.28	
Trophies	24.14	
Dentist	11.00	
Police	20.00	
Cheerleader Emblems	12.78	
Lime Field	36.00	
Erect Football Fence	24.00	
Oranges	5.55	
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Balance December 31, 1956		<hr/> \$422.13

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In planning the school health program several objectives have been kept in mind.

1. To improve and maintain the health of all children within our school system, by health teachings, periodic health examinations, and protective inoculations.
2. To enable any children with physical handicaps to get as much out of all phases of school as their limitations will allow. This is accomplished by assisting the school personnel in the adjust-

ment of programs and activities so that these children can participate.

3. To recognize the greater need of some children for help with their emotional problems, whether the problem be that of shyness, misbehavior or any other phase of emotional development which keeps the child from good social adjustment.

In other words, to consider the total child and his needs as they relate to school, home and community.

We now have within our reach many facilities for helping our children which a few years ago were not available to us. In the area of preventive medicine, we have at hand, protective antigens to combat Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, and Tetanus; we have vaccine for protective inoculations against polio; we have the Youth Guidance Center under the Greater Framingham Mental Health Association, where youngsters and their parents can receive help for emotional problems; we have the Department of Public Health clinics where children with speech defects may receive speech therapy and where children with orthopedic difficulties may receive treatment braces and physiotherapy at a nominal or no cost to the family. I am most willing to do whatever I can to assist you in making arrangements for your child's care in any of these areas, but it still must be the parents who are interested enough in their children to complete the necessary arrangements and to follow through on the recommended treatment.

Also deserving of our consideration and help at this time is the group of youngsters who need special handling due to varying degrees of retardation. School authorities nationwide, are well aware that these children must be given the opportunity for education and vocational training to the limits of their ability. However, the problems of special teachers, the health and safety of the youngsters and suitable classroom space are of prime importance and must be satisfactorily worked out before any such program can be set up in a community.

During the school year 572 children were given physical examinations by Dr. Zalvan. Most of our pupils were found to be quite healthy, with only a few needing medical follow-up. The major areas needing correction were dental defects and varying degrees of arch weaknesses (flat feet).

Again this year the parents of the youngsters in the elementary school were asked to be present for this exam. Dr. Zalvan and I appreciated your cooperation in this matter.

At these parent, doctor, nurse conferences any health problems are

discussed with the parent and suggestions are made as to corrective steps which may be taken, or, if the condition found is of a more serious nature, the child is referred to the family physician or to a clinic for further care. Eighty parents were present while 130 children were examined. The physical findings of 28 other children in the Junior-Senior High School group were discussed at this time.

In May, two Pre-School registration clinics were held, at which time Dr. Zalvan examined 81 children for Kindergarten and one for Grade one. This early registration has several purposes:

1. To examine the children who will be entering school for the first time and to discuss with the parents any health problems found by Dr. Zalvan at the examination.
2. To give the parent and child an opportunity to become acquainted with the school personnel and surroundings.
3. To help the school department ascertain and plan for the number of children entering Kindergarten and Grade one in the fall.

In the spring the Millis Board of Health and the Millis Visiting Nurse Association held three clinics at which protective doses of Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus antigens were given to the pre-school and school age group. Sixteen children completed the initial series of protective injections and 110 children received "booster" doses.

This past year has been a busy one in the area of polio prevention. In March and April Salk Vaccine clinics were held for those children who had received their first inoculations under the original polio program and for those in this age group whose parents now wanted them to receive the vaccine. One hundred twelve children received the second dose, and 23 started the series at this time.

When this group had been completed, the Millis Board of Health in cooperation with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, made vaccine available for all children from 1-15 years of age. In April, 649 received first injections and one received a second injection. In July, 10 received first doses and 635 received second doses. Many others were given the vaccine by their family physicians.

These polio clinics could not have been carried out as quickly and efficiently as they were, without the wonderful help which Dr. Zalvan and I received from the school personnel and volunteer workers. They did a grand job and the "Thank You" of all parents should be added to those of the clinic staff.

In November clinics were held for the 15-19 year-old group.

Twenty-seven pupils received the first dose and 3 received the second injection. At this time 6 pupils in the Junior High School who had missed the July clinic received their second doses.

In December 15-19 year-old pupils received second doses and received first injection.

All children who received their second injection in or before July are now eligible for boosters. These clinics are being planned.

Throughout the nation public health officials are pleading with parents to finish the series of 3 inoculations necessary to protect their children from polio; and to continue with toxoid inoculations against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, and Tetanus, in order to keep their children protected from these serious diseases. All too soon we forget the fear which these diseases can cause, and which, all too soon will return unless we maintain the immunity level of our children by boosters at recommended intervals.

In October, the Mobile Unit from the Norfolk County Hospital did chest X-rays on members of the Senior class and on many of the school personnel.

The Vision and Hearing testing is done at some time during the year on all pupils in the school system. Notices are sent to parents if a child fails to pass either of these tests. However, it should be pointed out that these tests are not final, but are merely a screening process. Therefore, if any child shows symptoms of eye difficulty or hearing loss do not wait for the next school examination, but seek medical attention for your youngster when the problem is discovered.

Due to the increased number of children in our school system it was necessary to change the dental clinic program somewhat. Now, notices are sent home on which the parents indicate whether or not they want the dental survey and care given at school. In this way, more of the children who desire care at the school clinic are receiving it. Requests for dental care still exceed our available time. The number of children needing dental work is still a major problem. Parents frequently are not aware of the number of cavities which are found in the permanent teeth almost as soon as these new teeth appear.

Thirty dental clinics were held last year. The following is a summary of the work done by Dr. Brown, our school dentist. 186 children received an X-ray and oral examination. Of these 86 received care at the clinic. The work completed included 172 restorations in permanent teeth of which 29 were porcelain fillings. 72 temporary teeth were filled. It was necessary to extract 3 permanent teeth and 39

temporary teeth. Eighty-four children had their teeth cleaned.

Millis is participating actively in the program of the Greater Framingham Mental Health Association. Several of our children have been referred for treatment to the Youth Guidance Center which it sponsors. Many conferences have been held with the teachers and psychologist to discuss ways of helping some of our children with their particular difficulties.

At a series of three meetings the psychologist, Mr. Norman Cohen, has outlined some of the major areas where problems arise and has helped us better understand the reasons behind the child's attempt to rebel at or withdraw from his environment. We, parents and school personnel must be thankful that we have only a few youngsters who need this help, and we must also be thankful that we have the help available for the children who need it.

Many programs are being planned for the public to help them become better acquainted with the Youth Guidance Center and its work. We hope many of you parents will plan to attend these meetings and learn more about this new area of preventative medicine.

On the whole our children are healthy, happy and well adjusted. We must strive to keep them this way by working together for their good. It is my sincere endeavor to cooperate with the parents, children, school department and townspeople in any efforts to maintain or improve the health of our community.

At this time, I would like to extend a special "Thank You" to the Directors of the Millis Visiting Nurse Association and to point out that it is only because of their tireless efforts that many of these programs can be successfully carried on. These women give fully of their time in order to staff the various clinics held during the year. It is through their fund-raising projects that the assistant nurse is paid, special equipment is bought for use at school and in the community, and the nurse's car is maintained. These things I mention so that all may realize what these women do for the school and community.

In conclusion, I would like to thank sincerely all who are associated with me in the Millis School Department, and all the individuals and organizations whose generous donations of time, money, materials, and clinic space have helped make my work as Millis Visiting and School Nurse possible.

Respectfully submitted,

MYRTLE A. COLDWELL, R.N.

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Our program of annual school physicals is, we believe, well integrated and functioning in a commendable manner. Its success arises from the fact that the parents are so cooperative and willing to carry out our suggestions. As usual, we examined the entire student body of the Junior and Senior High Schools and the alternate grades of the Elementary School—a total of 576 students were examined. We were pleased to find that defects were almost always minor and remediable. A large percentage of students showed some degree of "flat feet," chiefly because they insist on wearing improper shoes—loafers, flats, and sneakers. Another prevalent defect was in the teeth, although it is evident that parents are trying to keep the teeth in good repair. Poor posture was also found to be too common, and this fault should be corrected in the physical education classes.

This year, because of the large enrollment, we conducted two pre-school clinics for examination of children entering kindergarten or first grade for the first time. Visits to the cafeterias found those projects doing an excellent job of supplying the ever-increasing student body with proper nutrients. There was no contagion in the schools, because of the close supervision by the faculty. We have also been receiving the guidance of the Framingham Area Mental Health Association in a few problem cases. Our athletic program depended on "green" players, who were also smaller than their opponents; however, we were fortunate to avoid any serious injuries, though we were often deprived of the services of some of our better players.

The Millis Board of Health, with the assistance of the Visiting Nurse Association, conducted its annual series of immunization clinics during which about 130 children received inoculations against diphtheria, tetanus, and whooping cough.

During this school session, the Board of Health completed its series of clinics for the Salk Polio Vaccine program. All children, ages 1 through 14, who made application, have received two injections. Children in school, ages 15 through 19, have also been included in a recent clinic and will receive the second injection soon. It is expected that the third or booster injection will be given to all early in 1957. Any eligible person who has not received these injections should get in touch with the Board of Health or our nurse, Miss Myrtle Coldwell. For some reason, interest in obtaining these injections has dropped off among

teenagers and young adults. Vaccine shortages have been overcome and there is now sufficient vaccine available for all who want it.

"If all hands join in using the vaccine to its full availability before the next polio season," says National Polio Foundation President Basil O'Connor, "we can eliminate polio as an epidemic disease in 1957."

My sincere thanks must go to our school nurse, Miss Myrtle Coldwell, the parents, the faculty, the school committee, and the Board of Health for their cooperation and assistance in making all this possible.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB J. ZALVAN, M.D.,

School Physician

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DENTIST

To the Superintendent of Schools:

A very successful series of Dental Clinics was held this year for the period extending from January to June and from September through December. After complete X-ray and oral examination, notices were sent home stating the corrective treatment needed, and many parents elected to have this work done at the School Clinics. Thirty clinics in all were held under the sponsorship of the Millis Board of Health.

One hundred eighty-six sets of X-ray were taken and the treatment completed in the clinics consisted of 172 permanent fillings, 72 fillings in temporary teeth, 29 porcelain fillings, 84 cleanings, 3 extractions of permanent, 38 extractions of temporary teeth

There is no question of the value of these clinics in the School Health program and especially the value of the X-ray machine in diagnosis, but it must be emphasized that the teeth of children need checking two or three times a year. We can check them only once during the school year.

I wish to extend my thanks to Miss Coldwell, The Board of Health and the school authorities for their assistance and cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN L. BROWN, D.M.D.

HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Home Economics classes at Millis High School are presently being conducted for the sixth, seventh and eighth grades. It is hoped that before January we may have more classes available for the upper-classmen.

The sixth grade girls, in a class which meets weekly, are now making one-yard aprons. From this project they should learn several fundamentals of hand and machine sewing, including basting, hemming, and simple machine stitching. Lessons have been given on the proper use and care of the sewing machine.

A second project of a gathered skirt has been planned. This project will enable the girls to use the machine to a greater extent. At the same time they will become acquainted with commercial patterns, learn to handle plackets and to put in zippers.

For the first half of the school year the seventh and eighth grade girls are also carrying on clothing projects. Many of the girls are making corduroy jumpers, while others are working on skirts or bermuda shorts. Besides techniques of sewing, this course includes a simple study of textiles, fabric selection, color and design, hand stitching, wardrobe selection and care, clothing repair and good grooming.

During the Christmas season the girls spent about six classes (two weeks) making small gifts such as rick-rack earrings, net aprons, felt eyeglass cases, dolls' clothes, and toy animals.

This program has many possibilities and with the realization of its importance on the part of the townspeople, Home Economics can become an outstanding part of the Millis High School Curriculum.

SCHOOL CAFETERIA REPORT

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Your High School and Elementary School Cafeterias serve an average of 275 meals daily.

This school lunch program runs with the financial aid of the Federal Government and is not meant to realize a profit. Purchases are made on the basis of quality and price. According to this policy local merchants are given as much business as possible.

Two townswomen are employed in each school cafeteria for five hours daily. Approximately six students work in each cafeteria at lunch time to facilitate serving and helping with the cleanup.

Menus are planned primarily to please the students. Each meal is nutritionally balanced, prepared under healthy conditions and attractively served.

REPORT OF INDUSTRIAL ARTS

To the Superintendent of Schools:

We are very pleased with the interest and participation shown in our Industrial Arts Program this past year. From the sixth grade through the High School, we have had fine co-operation, excellent interest and participation. Our goal is to show the students how various Industrial processes are established and to give insight and exploratory experience in useful, careful work through various shop functions.

Our main area is woodworking, but we also have Leatherworking and Mechanical Drawing. This year we have started a full course in Mechanical Drawing and shop for the ninth grade boys in the General program. Not only are these boys gaining in continued shop experience, but their introduction to Mechanical Drawing will provide valuable help in future practical applications.

The shop, however, is limited. We are extremely crowded, not only

with students and time, but of working space. An area could be used many times the size of the present room. Woodworking is the main nucleus as aforementioned, but along with this we would like to see machine-shop practice, sheet-metal working, Graphic Arts or Printing and extended Arts and Crafts to help give the students a really General Shop experience. We hope that someday in the near future Millis may have access to such a program.

I would like to thank all who helped during 1956.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD A. YOUNG,

Industrial Arts Supervisor

REPORT OF READING ANALYST

To the Superintendent of Schools:

A new program has been introduced this year into the Millis School System, that of Remedial and Developmental Reading. Although this is a relatively new field, Millis is not unique in employing the advantages of such a program. Many of the local-fore-sighted schools (especially the larger systems) now conduct one of several kinds of Reading improvement. Harvard, Boston College, Boston University, just to mention a few of the nearby institutions, operate developmental reading programs on the college level.

The teacher of reading must realize that his first step is to find the grade level on which the child reads comfortably and have him progress from there. Almost nothing can be assumed. It is not impossible for a child in the tenth grade still to be unsure of himself in reading materials of fourth grade difficulty. The most important thing is to give him some success in reading; show him that he can read something. The problem that arises here is to find tenth grade interest material of fourth grade difficulty. Since this is such a new field, reading matter of this type is still very scarce. With fifteen children in a class the problem becomes even more acute.

Finding the present reading levels of students is not a cut and dried affair. At Millis our testing program measures many different facets of the child's reading ability. Once the tests have been corrected, the student is then placed in one of the four following categories:

1. **Remedial:** This course is designed for the students who actually have trouble in perceiving a word correctly or lack the ability to attack a word phonetically.

2. **Remedial Developmental:** This course is designed for those who have some of the problems as those in Level I but not as severe a problem. They are capable of doing the work in Level III but need a "refresher" course in certain areas before going on.

3. **Developmental:** This course is designed for the pupil who actually perceives words correctly but has a difficult time organizing his reading. We will concentrate on study skills in this course; main ideas, patterns of organization, analysis of polysyllables, spelling, topic sentences, outlining, increases in speed and comprehension through timed reading exercises, graph, map, index, chart reading, using key words, swimming, etc.

4. **Upper Developmental:** This course is especially designed for the better students. Many who take this course are going on to college or further training after high school. Here the emphasis is on increases in speed, note-taking, short-cuts in study, some spelling, critical reading, etc.

Levels I and II will in time graduate into Level III and will probably remain with the instructor the whole year. The other courses will range from 8 to 16 weeks.

The term "remedial" when connected with reading seems to carry a bad connotation. Most people who do not know the terms of the field seem to think there is a stigma attached to taking a course with this title. They confuse it with other courses offered for the abnormal student. It is not the province of the Reading instructor to deal with the mentally retarded. Only a person trained for such duties would ever attempt to work with the mentally deficient child. Only children with a promising intelligence quotient are brought into the reading program. *

The definition of a retarded reader is "anyone who is not reading up to his potential." The child in the tenth grade with an average I. Q. who is reading on the sixth grade level, as well as the brilliant child in the same grade who is reading only on that tenth grade level, both fit that description. In Millis both will come for reading instruction.

No Reading Program is a panacea or cure-all for all reading ills. Many of these problems have been building up for a period of eight to twelve years. However, the gains already achieved in so short a time are very encouraging. Some of the pupils have doubled their rate of reading in words per minute and at the same time have improved their percentage of understanding. We must attempt to do our best to aid Millis children to meet and conquer these problems wherever possible—problems so very basic that it is difficult to imagine any walk of life that is not affected by them. We must give our children every chance to attain success.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO F. HANLEY

Reading Analyst

REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

It is with pleasure that I report to you this year that the Music program in our Millis Schools is progressing steadily.

With the ever-increasing numbers of pupils, I am unable to meet most of the classes each week, so it is fortunate that the elementary teachers are able to carry on musically between my visits. Wherever it is necessary, the teachers have been willing to exchange classes so that the music can be carried on.

Among the several resolutions adopted by the State Conference of Music Educators, this one strikes hard at our present situation—"Be it resolved that at least 100 minutes per week be allotted to the music program in grades 1 through 6, and that two periods per week be scheduled for each section of grades 7 and 8."

Our first three grades practically approach the desirable time allotment. In the intermediate grades we are desirous of arranging more time for music so that singing in two- or three-part harmony some preparation be made for the problem of changing voices.

With the above thought in mind pupils' interests in music would increase and more would elect music at the high school level. Good music background is essential to compete with daily exposure to juke boxes and radios which, while appealing to the majority of normal young people, meet only their temporary needs and provide nothing of the cultural background which is due every child.

Our spring program for the P.T.A. was well received and showed tremendous possibilities. The music for High School Graduation was fairly well presented, but I feel that for a group that was capable of superior work they were too willing to stop work when they were only in sight of excellent, rather than exert that extra effort which could make them outstanding.

This year, the High School chorus is limited to such students as expressed willingness to raise the standards of music to true High School level. So far there is no indication that there will be a smaller chorus than in other years. It should, however, show an improvement in type of music and quality of singing.

Respectfully yours,

ELINORE COLE,

Director of Music

REPORT OF ART SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

To many of us art is something nebulous. We see all types of art reproduced in magazines and in our museums and galleries, from Rembrandt to mobiles (those strange contraptions of wires and sundries that the most imperceptible breeze can set to moving), to paintings composed of blobs and lines of paint accomplished by dripping the paint on to the canvas from above, (and who can forget the classic example of the fellow who framed his paint rag and won first prize). If we cannot tell what art is good and what art is bad (and even artists disagree at times), we say, well, anyway, I know what I like and what I don't like! Like or not, there is one thing about art today so exhilarating we all must be aware of it. Freedom of expression!

Now, up to this point I have been talking about "Art", the creative products of adult artists, which is quite different from "Art", meaning juvenile creative expression. Yet our children, too, are free—free to create! The child of today has more freedom to express himself artistically than ever before. The mastery of and pleasures in a variety of media are his to acquire. His art experiences are not confined solely to the supervisor's visits to his room but are integrated throughout the program, into as many areas of study as possible, with gratifying results. Individual creativity is stressed always, but this must sometimes be channeled into group work—for instance, a mural. Such channeling does not destroy creativity but establishes a "togetherness" with his classmates.

As the student progresses through our schools, maturing, he gradually needs more and more fundamentals and techniques. Help is forthcoming. We always strive to preserve that natural creativity, that ephemeral spark, without which art, by child or practitioner, is dead—and no longer art but uninspired drive.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID A. GILMORE,

Art Supervisor

REPORT ON DRIVER EDUCATION

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Our Driver Education course is one of the most popular that is being offered. Not only does it train for future qualities, but it gives the student an immediate reward in his driving license. He also receives a certificate issued by the Registry of Motor Vehicles that enables him to take advantage of the lower insurance rates in effect.

It is a fact that people who take the Driver Education course throughout the United States under the High School program are better drivers than the students who do not take the course. They are more safety minded, better informed on driving habits and attitudes and on the whole are better all-round automobile operators. They have

records that prove this. Therefore, it can be seen that Driver Education has tremendous influence on the molding of our future citizens.

In the fall of 1955 we had 23 students enrolled. In September of 1956 the number increased to an all-time high of 32. This is an enormous task to do on a part-time basis. Mr. Fred C. Browne of Walpole, Mass., donor of the car, has generously offered a full-time car for Millis to use beginning in September 1957. With the numbers increasing as indicated, a full-time car certainly will be needed. Our thanks to Mr. Browne for this and his past services to the students of Millis.

The following students successfully passed the classroom course and received their license and certificates at the school in 1956:

Sally Barrier	Robert DiCenzo
John Fairbanks	Elizabeth Foster
David Howland	Francis Judge
Ann Kostick	Barbara Mael
Maureen McDonough	Paul Robinson
Linda Rosen	Kenneth Tiernan
David Voye	Lisette Walter

The following students successfully passed the classroom course and received their certificates after passing a competency driving test at the school:

John Ellington	William Rivers
Marilyn Smith	

Our thanks to all who assisted our Driver Education Program during 1956.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD A. YOUNG,
Driver Education Supervisor

REPORT ON RECREATIONAL PROGRAM

To the Citizens of Millis:

You, the citizens of Millis, have sponsored a carefully planned and organized recreational program for the fifth consecutive year. The program was under the supervision of Miss Florence Gilboy of Millis and Mr. Edward Charland of Medway, both of whom were assisted by Miss Lois Brodeur of Millis. This was Miss Brodeur's first year as a member of the recreational staff. She was a very capable and helpful assistant and her first experience was a very pleasant one.

The program was conducted for a five-week period during July and August. The children had swimming for two weeks and supervised play and craft activities in the park for the remaining three weeks.

The swimming instructions were given at Dug Pond in Natick. About two hundred children were enrolled and attendance was very regular. Three supervised bus trips were scheduled daily and the program worked out extremely well. The children qualified for beginners' and swimmers' pins.

The supervised play program in the park was very successful. There was an average of one hundred twenty-five children present daily. This year it was possible to divide the children into three supervised groups. The older children had supervised games, relays and competitive sports while the younger children had games, relays, coloring, story hour, and simple craft activities. The program schedule of 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon was planned and organized in such a way as to allow for individual differences and interests.

The whole recreation program was most successful. The children enjoyed it and there was always a great deal of enthusiasm—this was apparent to all interested citizens who visited the swimming classes and playground as well as to those whose children participated in the program.

The program's worth is most evident—many children have returned each year and the over-all enrollment has increased from year to year. Thus, it is very obvious that the children enjoy working and playing together under supervision.

As citizens, you are supporting a very worthwhile program. Your children are your first consideration and you are helping them by giving their leaders your co-operation, interest, and enthusiasm. This

has been greatly appreciated by all those concerned with the recreational program. We trust you too have felt the need and benefit of such a program and will continue your loyal support.

Respectfully submitted,

The School Committee

REPORT OF EVENING PRACTICAL ARTS

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Successful Evening Practical Arts Courses have again been conducted during 1956. These classes are taught by our capable instructor, Miss Alexia Bayramshian. Interest is extremely high in the Dress-making and in other sewing areas.

As a result two classes were arranged, one for a Monday evening group and the second for a Wednesday evening group.

It is hoped that early in 1957 a survey may be made to determine further interest in other areas of this program.

Our Superintendent of Schools, Dr. George C. Roy, serves as Director of the Evening Practical Arts program and we wish to express our appreciation for his part in making this program a success.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. KATHERINE O'ROURKE,
Chairman

MRS. RUTH WRIGHT,
Secretary

MRS. WILMAE THORNE,
Advisory Board

**REPORT OF THE
FIFTY-THIRD GRADUATION EXERCISES OF THE
MILLIS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1956
Tuesday Evening, June 12, 1956**

CLASS FLOWER Maroon Carnation

CLASS COLORS Black and Gold

CLASS MOTTO

“We have read the book of knowledge;
now we shall read the book of life.”

PROGRAM

Posting of Colors Millis Post No. 208, American Legion

Processional

(The audience will please remain seated during the march)

The Star-Spangled Banner **Key**

Invocation Rev. John Parsons

Salutation Gaines

School Chorus

Salutatory and Essay—Segregation Barbara Dobravolsky

Music—Lord's Prayer Malotte

School Chorus

Class History Betty Jane Margolis

Class Prophecy Thomas Keough

Music—Finlandia Sibelius

School Chorus

Class Will Lisette Walter

Valedictory and Essay—The Mideast Martin Veiner

Music—Graduation Day	Joe Sherman, Noel Sherman
School Chorus	
Presentation of Class Gift	Robert Corcoran President of the Senior Class
Acceptance of Class Gift for School	Karin Blom President of the Junior Class
Presentation of Bausch and Lomb Honorary Award for Excellence in the Sciences and the Reader's Digest Award	Mr. Clyde F. Brown, Principal
Presentation of School Citizenship Award, given by the Class of 1955 to a member of the present Junior Class.	Mr. Henry M. Doyle, Assistant Principal
Presentation of Harvard Book Award, given by the Harvard Club of Boston, sponsored by Mr. Clifford Donald Thatcher, Class of 1944.	Mr. Frederick J. Welch
Presentation of Good Citizenship Certificate	Mr. George C. Roy, Superintendent of Schools
Presentation of Millis Teachers' Club Award for Excellence in United States History	Mr. Edward Tamuleviz, President
Presentation of American Legion Scholarship	H. Maynard Gould, Commander Millis Post No. 208
Presentation of Millis Parent-Teacher Association Scholarship	Mrs. Vernon D. O'Neill, President
Presentation of Niagara Engine Company Scholarship	Mr. Nesbit Clark, Captain
Presentation of Diplomas	Mr. Earl H. Merkle, Chairman of School Committee
School Song	Thuringian Folk Song
Recessional	
Retiring of Colors	Millis Post No. 208, American Legion

MILLIS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS

June 12, 1956

Magna Cum Laude

Barbara Ann Dobravolsky

Martin Irwin Veiner

Cum Laude

Thomas Albert Keough

Betty Jane Margolis

Lisette Mary Walter

Bentley, Alan Francis

Boodry, Marian Charlotte

Casey, Gary Merving

Costa, Elizabeth Alma

Collins, William Carroll

Dobravolsky, Barbara Ann

Corcoran, Robert Worth

Frink, Joan Isabell

Diggins, John Francis

Margolis, Betty Jane

Dmytryck, Donald Francis

Mick, Shirley Elizabeth

Keough, Thomas Albert

Moore, Dorothy Ann

Morrison, Robert Lloyd

Sokoloski, Carol Ann

Veiner, Martin Irwin

Walter, Lisette Mary

Volpicelli, George Dominic

Willinski, Mary Antoinette

Barrier, Sally Lee

Zoldan, Enda Helen

SCHOOL SONG

Gray is the peaceful night:
Day's closing brings it nigh—
Crimson which streaks the sky
In radiant light.
Those are our colors dear,
Though we in numbers few,
To them we will be true
When far or near.

Each year we work and strive
To keep our ideals high,
High as the distant sky,
Each one alive.
Memories of happy hours,
Millis, thou school of ours,
Hear this our welcome lay,
Crimson and Gray.

—Words by Ruth Richardson, '20

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

The School Investigating Committee was appointed under Article 83 of the 1956 Town Warrant. Its purpose was interpreted by the committee as follows:

1. Inventory our present elementary and high school space.
2. Study trend of pupil enrollment.
3. Present the facts of any existing problems.
4. Possible solution to these problems.
5. Present our recommendations.

No. 1 — Existing Space

The Clyde F. Brown Elementary School consists of twelve classrooms, a kindergarten room and a multi-purpose room. The classrooms are all 28'x31' or 868 square feet. The kindergarten is 30'x40' or 1200 square feet. Using the state recommendation of 30 square feet per pupil, Table I shows a plan of the school with the pupil capacity marked for each room. This building now contains grades kindergarten through fourth and one fifth grade, for a total enrollment of 458, which is 58 over the capacity. This figure of 58 is not overload inasmuch as only one kindergarten group is in the building at one time reducing the number of pupils in the school to approximately 410 pupils. It is common practice for kindergarten groups to attend half sessions daily. On this basis the overload would be 10 pupils.

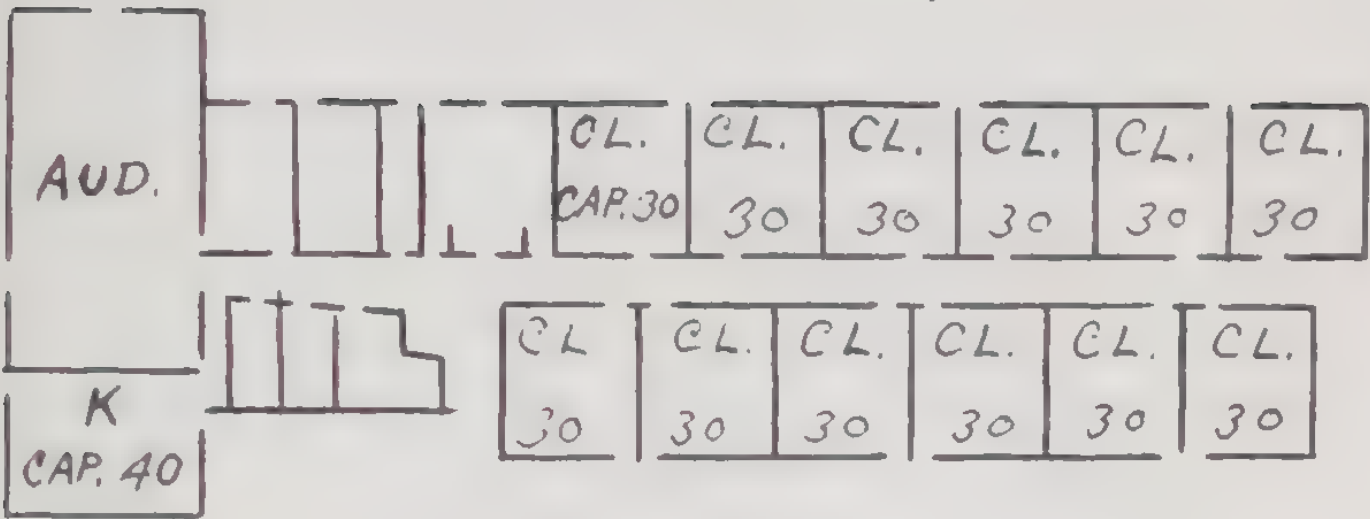


TABLE I

The High School consists of three elementary classrooms, four Junior High (7th and 8th grades) classrooms, and six High School classrooms used as home rooms. In addition there is a room used for remedial reading and club work; a commercial room used for stenographic work; a lab room used for physics and chemistry; and a room used as a combination library and study hall. The basement contains a woodworking shop and a room used for Home Economics and Mechanical Drawing.

The three elementary classrooms in the High School building now have a total of 80 pupils; the four Junior High classrooms have a total of 106 pupils; and the six High School classrooms have a total of 131 pupils, thus making a grand total in the High School Building of 317 students. The state recommends a space allotment of 25 square feet per pupil in high school classrooms. Table II shows the existing area of the high school rooms and the recommended capacity for each room.

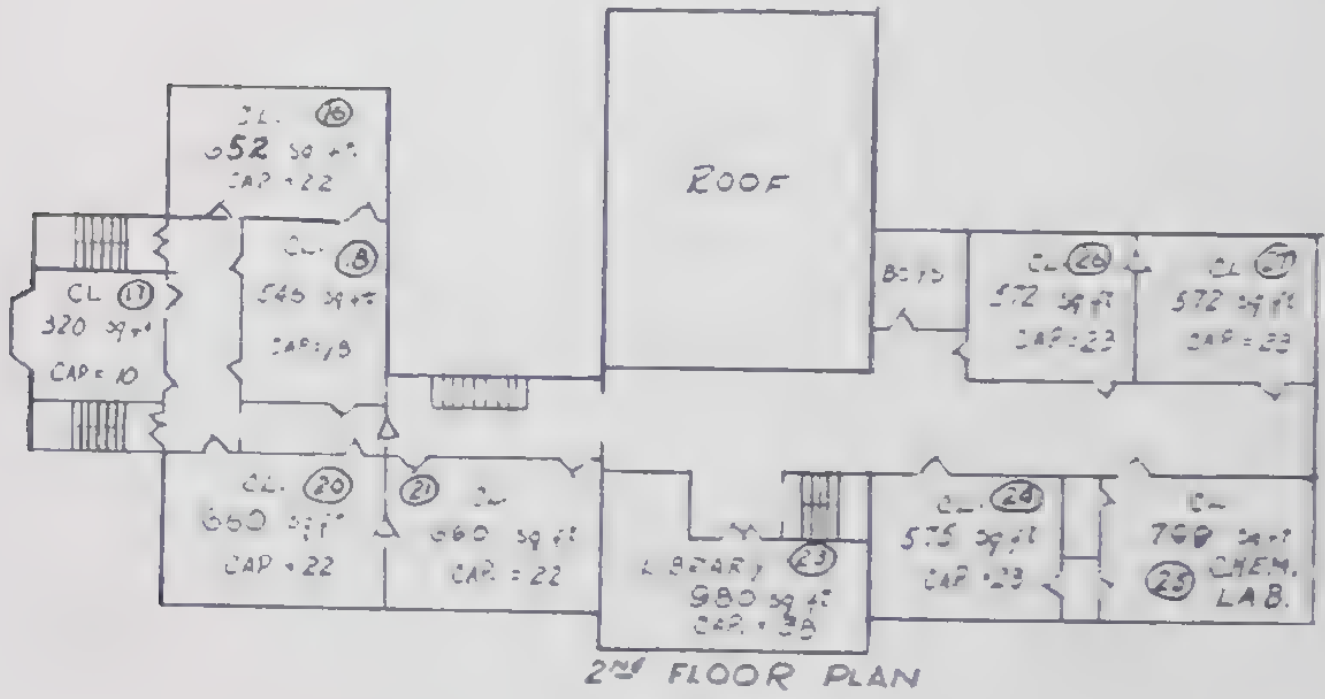
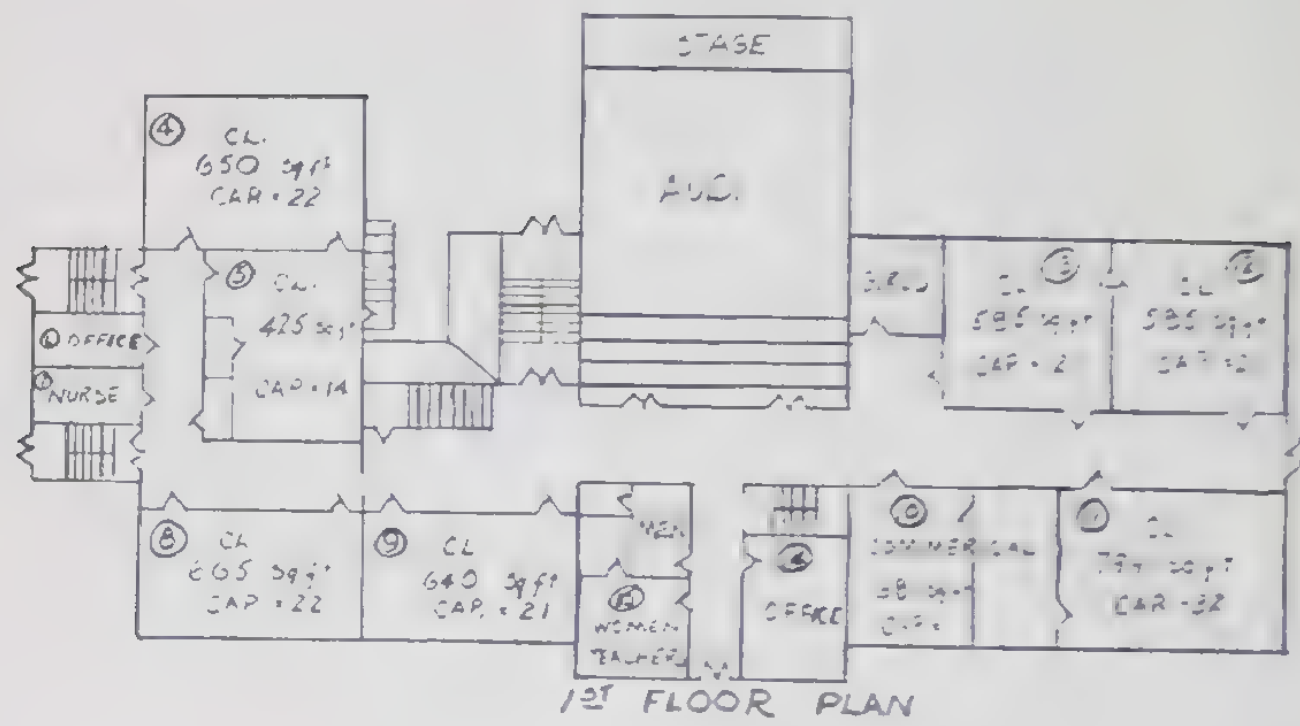


TABLE II

A summary of the present conditions in the High School building is as follows:

	Present Enrollment	Room Capacity	Excess Pupil Space	Overload
Elementary Grades 5 and 6	80	65		15
Junior High Grades 7 and 8 ..	106	84		22
Senior High 9 thru 12	131	143	12	

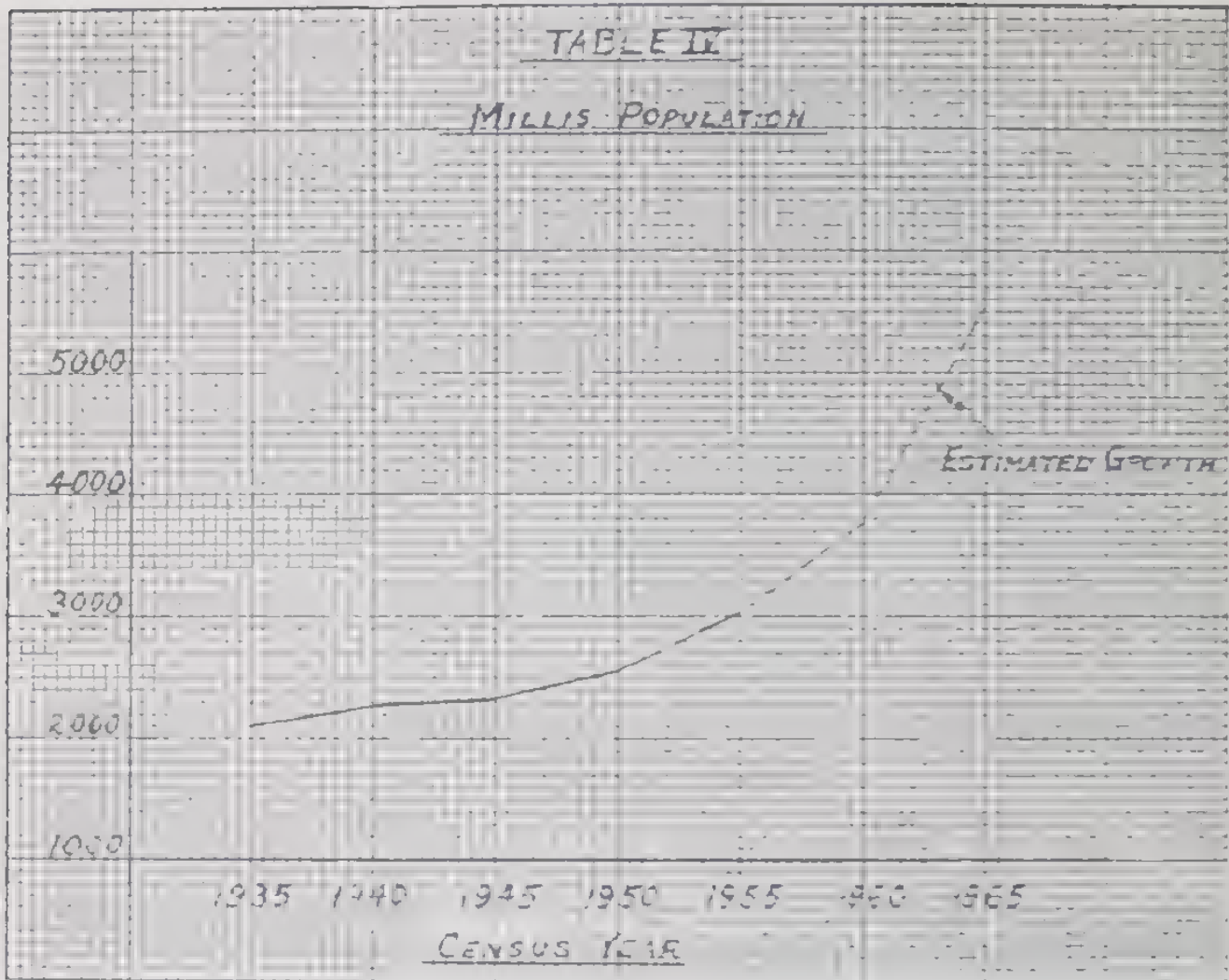
No. 2 — Enrollment Projection

Table III shows the projection sheet computed by Mr. George Roy, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Clyde Brown, High School Principal. This projection is based solely on moving the currently enrolled pupils ahead as they progress through our school system.

PROJECTION BASED ON PUPILS IN SCHOOL

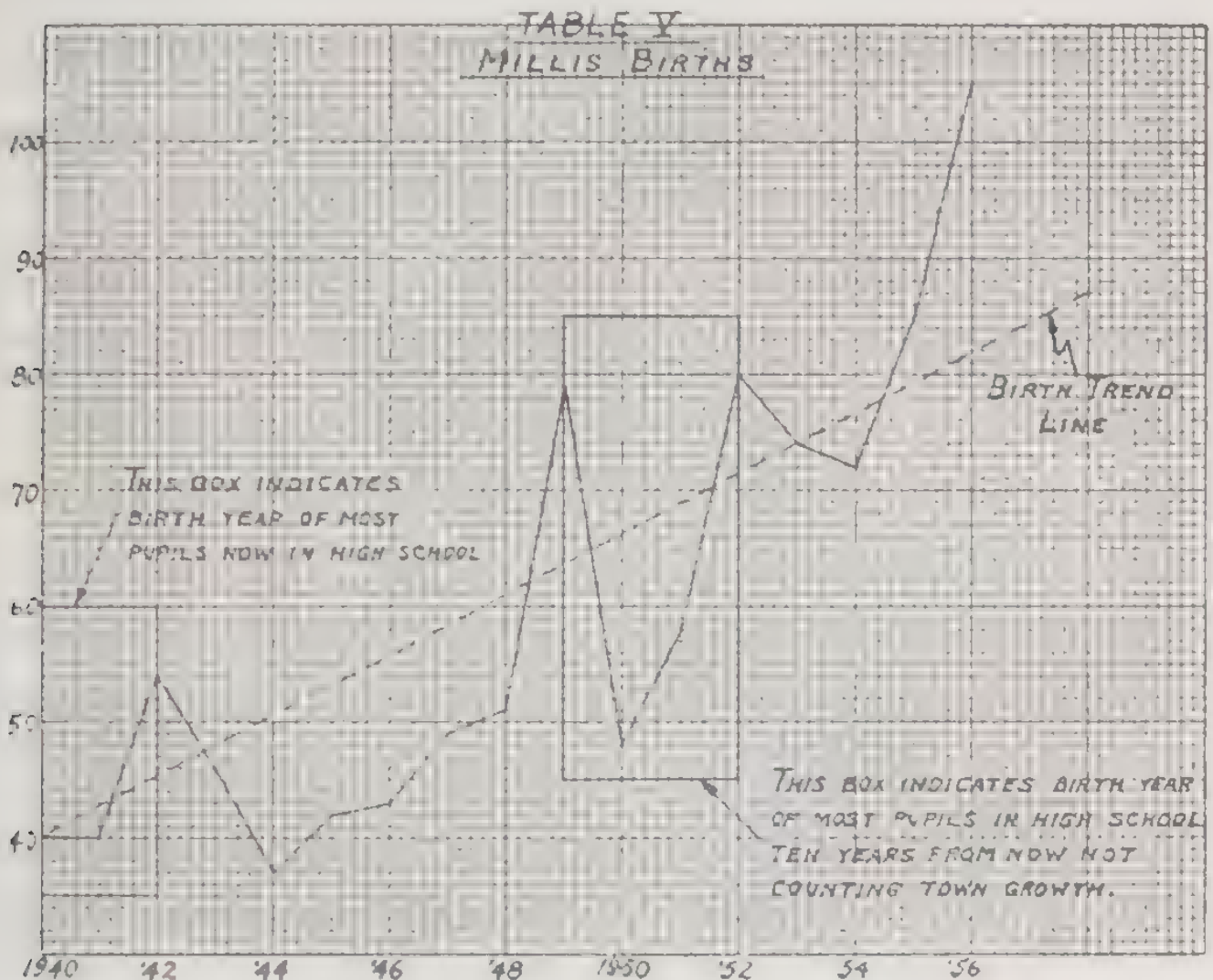
Grade	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66
K	64	94	95	95	95	95	95	95	95			
1	81	88	94	95	95	95	95	95	95			
2	95	82	88	94	95	95	95	95	95			
3	64	94	82	88	94	95	95	95	95			
4	55	70	94	82	88	94	95	95	95			
5	44	60	70	94	82	88	94	95	95			
6	36	50	60	70	94	82	88	94	95			
Total K-6	432	538	583	658	653	654	657	654	655	655	655	655
7	65	46	50	60	70	94	82	88	94	95	95	
8	45	50	40	50	60	70	94	82	88	94	95	
Total 7-8	110	106	90	110	130	164	176	170	182	189	190	190
9	36	46	60	45	50	60	70	94	82	88	94	75
10	32	27	46	60	45	50	60	70	94	82	88	74
11	30	33	27	46	60	45	50	60	70	94	82	88
12	17	25	33	17	25	60	45	50	60	70	74	82
Total 9-12	117	131	165	172	202	215	240	274	306	314	302	353
Grand Totals	665	725	805	827	855	869	897	928	961	1180	1213	1214
Housed Elem.	403	458	453	454	467	476	475	475	485	485	485	485
Housed Jr.-Sr.	203	317	322	453	508	550	584	633	668	703	728	729
Hns. Short Elem.	1	3	4	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Over- Load	30	95	130	164	176	170	182	189	180	180	180	180
Enroll- 7-12	227	237	262	289	332	380	402	444	488	523	548	549

It does not take into consideration the possible growth of the town in population, which is graphically illustrated by Table IV.



The estimated growth of the town in the next 5 and 10 year period is based on information this committee obtained from the Millis Planning Board. We can assume that our elementary enrollment will have a very conservative 10% growth because the majority of people moving into Millis are young families whose children are in this group. The conservative growth in the Junior-Senior High School enrollment would be 2%. It is very possible that a higher percentage of growth will be reached. The higher birth rates of the last few years are one indication. It has also been pointed out by the Planning Board that plans are on file for developments and current construction which will total 150 new homes. Furthermore, the Planning Board has estimated an additional 400 to 500 homes may be constructed in the next five to eight years. Using a general average of 2.5 to 3 children in every new home, you can readily visualize what such an increase would do to our present school facilities.

Using Table V showing the birth records, the size of the boxed areas gives an immediate mental picture of the increasing size of high school classes. Here again, it does not consider town growth due to new home construction.



No. 3 — Existing Problems

Going back to the charts and the Elementary School, you can summarize as follows the conditions beginning September 1957 through 1961:

	Table 3	Plus	Plus 50	Excess	Elementary
	Enrollment	10% Town	New Homes	Over	Room
		Growth	at 2.5	Elementary	Shortage
			per Home	Capacity*	
1958	618	680	743	303	10
1959	643	707	768	328	11
1960	644	708	769	329	11
1961	657	723	782	342	12

* This figure represents elementary capacity of 440 pupils with two kindergarten sessions.

Our present kindergarten class of 94 is now operating on two sessions which is normal. This group was born in 1951 when only 58 births were recorded in the town. Our September 1957 kindergarten class comes from the 1952 birth crop which reported 50 births in the town. This large increase in the birth rate may tax the capacity of the kindergarten.

It seems a certainty that by 1961 our present elementary school will only accomodate classes through the third grade.

If the above elementary room shortage materializes, the Junior-Senior High School students would be holding most of their classes out-of-doors.

No. 4 — Solutions to the Problem

We have presented the picture and it is not a pretty one. Let us review and list some suggested solutions:

1. *Clyde F. Brown Addition*: By design and by limits of the land site, this building is limited to another four rooms. According to the Architect, Mr. A. I. Harriman, the estimated cost of this addition, fully equipped, would be \$125,000. It is the opinion of this committee that such an expenditure would be unwise. By the time such an addition would be completed, we would still lack several rooms. Therefore, it would be far more economical in the long run to build another school.
2. *A New Elementary School*: Referring to the summary of elementary enrollment projection, you will note that in 1961, there will be an excess of 342 pupils. The State Building Assistance Commission estimates a building cost of \$1700 per elementary pupil, or a net cost of \$581,400 for a new elementary school. This would temporarily relieve the space problem in the junior-senior high school. However, by 1960, the high school will have already outgrown the present building by two rooms.
3. *A New Local Junior-Senior High School*: A Junior-Senior high school should be built to accommodate 568 pupils by 1967. This figure is from a projection prepared by the State School

Building Assistance Commission. A building of this size would cost \$1,400,000 according to the Commission's estimate. With alterations, this would release the present high school building for elementary school purposes.

4. *A Regional Junior-Senior High School:* Depending on which town (or towns) we would join in a Regional School District, the school would vary in size of pupil capacity. Therefore, we can only make assumptions as shown in the following table:

Comparative Costs of the Various Solutions

	4-Room Elementary Addition	New Elementary	Local Jr.-Sr. High School	Regional Jr.-Sr. High School
Number of Pupils	120	342	568	1200
Estimated Gross Cost	\$125,000	\$581,400	\$1,400,000	\$2,600,000
Planning Cost Aid (Awarded in the First Year of Regional District Operation)				130,000
Adjusted Cost	\$125,000	\$581,400	\$1,400,000	\$2,470,000
Estimated State Grant	53,352	248,025	597,240	1,512,628
(42.66% for Local Schools) (61.24% for Regional Schools)				
Estimated Net Cost	\$71,675	\$333,375	\$802,760	\$957,372
Net Cost to Millis Sharing a Regional School Equally with Another Town				\$478,686
Chapter 70 aid in 1955 to Millis was \$32,438.38. An extra 15¢ or \$4,865.75 is paid every year for 20 years beginning year of Regional Building Contract				97,315
Net Net Cost	\$71,675	\$333,375	\$802,760	\$381,371

You can readily see that a Regional School would have the least effect on the tax rate for the amount of school space you would realize for your investment. Regional Schools most generally have lower educational costs per pupil, and yet they offer a more diversified curriculum for both vocational and college preparatory pupils. As an example, the 1956 Millis educational cost per pupil for 7, 8 and 9th grades was \$299.43 while Silver Lake Regional reported a cost of \$246.24. Millis grades 10, 11 and 12 cost \$385.13 per pupil in 1956 while Tantasqua Regional and Silver Lake Regional reported \$330.05 and \$246.27 respectively.

No. 5 — Our Recommendations

We have endeavored to look at our task from every possible angle with only one thought in mind—the educational program of our youth, that they may be prepared to occupy their places as honorable citizens in the future generation of this town and country. It is beyond the scope of our committee to recommend any one of these particular solutions as the one that will ultimately satisfy the entire population. That question must be decided by the majority at the town elections. We have given you some basic facts, but the answer to the problem is in your hands. The one thing that we do recommend is that some definite action be taken by the appointment of a school building committee at the earliest possible time, following the report of the Regional School District Planning Committee. It will take approximately 1½ to 2 years to get a new school from the time the building committee enters into contract negotiations.

Summarizing the overall picture and looking ahead, we should point out that our feeling is that the next new school building should be a six (6) year Junior-Senior High School, either local or Regional. If you will study the charts, you will see that the Junior-Senior High School students will easily outgrow the present High School Building almost as soon as you could finish building a new elementary school. A new Junior-Senior High School Building means one new building to solve our problem, while a new Elementary School means two new buildings to reach our goal.

It was this committee's recommendation at the last Special Town Meeting that a Regional School District Planning Committee be appointed. This committee has been named as follows: Mrs. Gordon King, Mr. Frederick Welch, and Mr. Hugh McCarthy. It will be the duty of this committee to seek out any town or towns with which we could form a Regional District School. In view of the present state of affairs, we hope that they will be able to make an early report on this subject.

We have recommended by article in the Town Warrant that all committees working on school problems be coordinated in their efforts under the Superintendent of Schools. It is hoped that such a move would prevent duplication of work by making available all information developed by the individual committees.

We further recommend that the School Investigation Committee be a permanent functioning committee to keep the town informed on growth trends as well as other problems. Members could resign at any time by written notice to the Board of Selectmen and their replacements named by the Selectmen.

In conclusion, we should like to thank all those who contributed information for the preparation of this report. We also thank the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commission and the Medway School Investigating Committee for the very informative meetings which we attended at their invitation.

Respectfully submitted,

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FOR the LORD thy GOD
bringeth thee into a good land
a land of brooks of water,
of fountains and depths that
spring out of valleys and hills;
A land of wheat, and barley,
and vines, and fig trees,
and pomegranates;
a land of oil olive, and honey;
A land wherein thou shalt eat bread
without scarceness thou shalt not
lack anything in it; a land
whose stones are iron, and out
of whose hills thou mayest
dig brass.

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